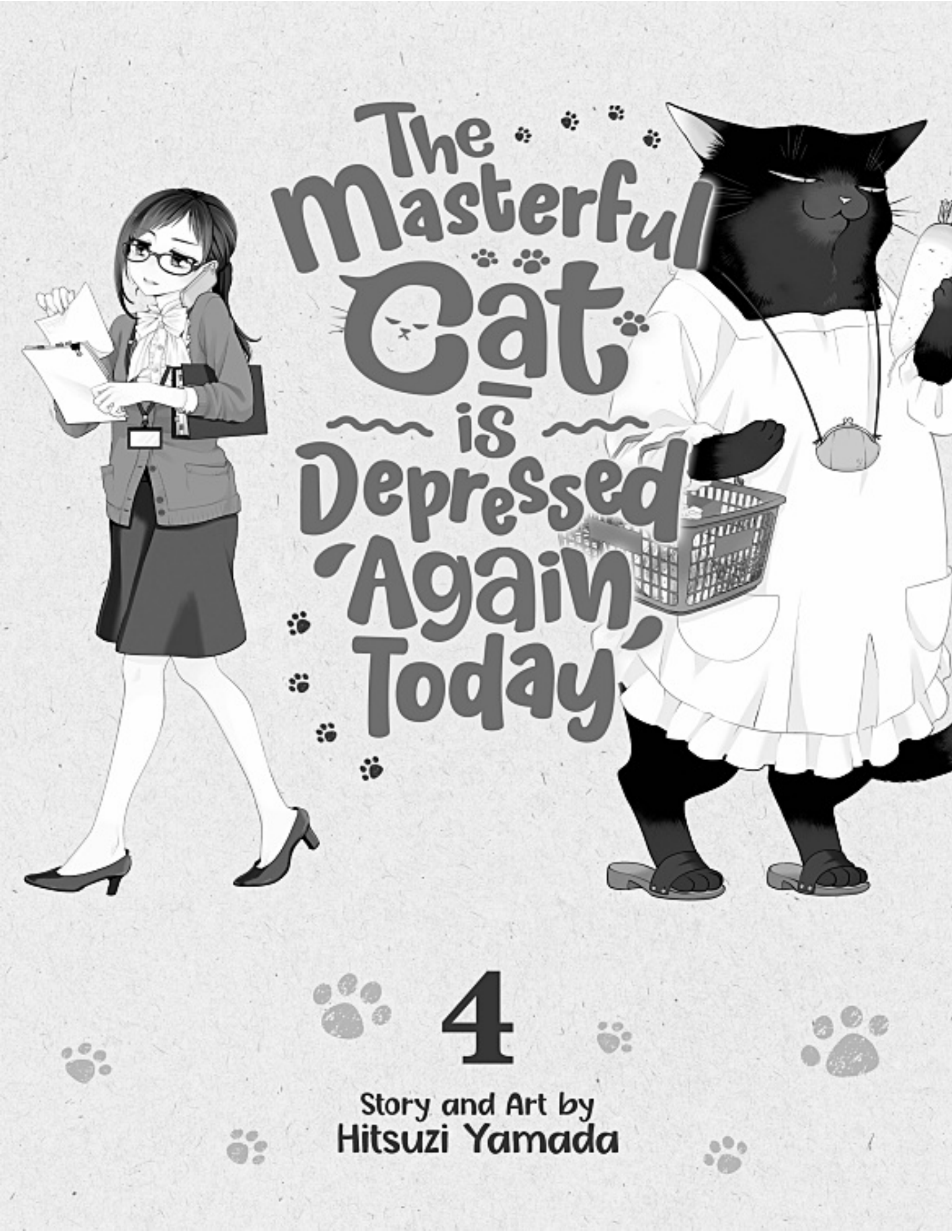
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HOW'S IT ONLY LUNCH? I WANNA GO HOME ALREADY.
UGHHHH... MONDAYS ARE THE WORST. I DON'T WANNA WOOOORK.
YEAH. THE MONDAY AFTER A VACATION IS EXTRA TOUGH, ISN'T IT?
SIGH
HON-ESTLY, I'M ALSO FEELING PRETTY TIRED.
SOUNDS LIKE THE MONDAY BLUES.
ME? I DON'T REALLY DO ANYTHING SPECIAL.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO CHIPPER IN THE MORNINGS.
SLURP
HOW DO YOU DO IT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! YOU ALWAYS COME IN ON MONDAY READY TO WORK!
WHERE ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
OR MAYBE YOU GET MASSAGE THERAPY FROM SOME EXPERT MASSEUSE?
STARE
ジーッ
YOU DON'T, LIKE, TAKE A SUPER-POWERFUL VITAMIN OR ANYTHING?

*Sazae-san is a long-running anime series that airs every Sunday evening.

HAS MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT THIS.
SNIFF! SNIFF!
LIKE POPCORN.
IT SMELLS LIKE THE SUN, BUT JUST A BIT SWEETER.
OH, YUKICHI... WHY IS IT THAT YOUR PAWS SMELL LIKE HAPPINESS?

A PACKED TRAIN... TO WORK...
I MIGHT EVEN FEEL A BIT BETTER ABOUT RIDING...
SOCIETY DECIDED WE NEED TO CARRY MOBILE PHONES, BUT WE SHOULD REALLY CARRY MOBILE CATS INSTEAD.
I WISH I COULD TAKE THIS SCENT AND THIS WARMTH WITH ME WHEREVER I GO.

WHAP
OH GOD, TOMORROW'S MONDAY!!

HAAAAAH

MMRPH ?!
WHAM
YOU KNOW WHAT, JUST MAKE EVERY DAY SATUR-DAY!
I WANNA GO BACK TO FRIDAY NIGHT! OR JUMP TO NEXT FRIDAY!
MM!!
PAT
PAT
PAT
PAT...
WHAT ARE YOU--?!
MMPH!
HAAH!
HOOH!
HAAH!
HOOH!
HAAH!
THANK YOU. I'M GOOD NOW.
SNIFF!
SNIFF!
SNIFF!
SNIFF!
SNIFF!
IT SMELLS SO GOOD. ♡

THREE HOURS LATER.
SOMEWHERE WHERE THE TRAINS ARE ONLY TWO CARS LONG. WE CAN LIVE A RELAXED, SLOW-PACED LIFE!
SOB!
SOB!
PAT
PAT
LET'S LEAVE THE HECTIC CITY LIFE BEHIND AND MOVE OUT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE!
AND START A FARM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WOODS.
WE COULD OPEN A COZY LITTLE RESTAURANT WITH YOU AS THE CHEF...
ほわ〜ん...
DAYDREAM...
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO LIVE IN AN OLD, JAPANESE-STYLE HOUSE, BUT RENOVATED.
SHOT DEAD.
IT'S A BEAR!!
BANG!
WOODS.
.....
RAWR
BEARS.
SO CATS REALLY *ARE* ATTACHED TO THE HOME, THEN?!
YOU DON'T WANT TO?

I CAN'T SLEEP. CAN I HAVE A BEER?
I promise I'll brush my teeth after.
C'MON! I CAN'T SLEEP LIKE THIS WITHOUT A BEER...
PURRRRRRRRR
のしっ
SQUISH
HEY!
HUH?!
PURRRRRRRRRR
WHY ARE THESE VIBRATIONS...
PURRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
SO SOOTHING?
DUTY FULFILLED.
WHEW.
ZZZ...

IF I HAD TO CHOOSE SOMETHING, MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE MY CAT WAS MORE AFFECTIONATE THAN USUAL LAST NIGHT.

MMM... NO, I DON'T THINK I DO ANYTHING SPECIAL, REALLY.

YOU KNOW, I READ THAT A CAT'S PAWS AND PURRS ARE ACTUALLY THERA-PEUTIC.

CATS ARE SOOTHING LITTLE FURBALLS, AREN'T THEY?

NO, HE'S NOT REALLY THAT KIND OF CAT.

AW, THAT'S ADOR-ABLE!

OH, 'CAUSE HE KNOWS YOU'RE GONNA BE GONE FOR A WHILE?

APPAR-ENTLY, THEY'RE STUDYING CATS TO DEVELOP ACTUAL MEDICAL TREAT-MENTS!

OR THAT THE SOUND OF PURRING RELIEVES STRESS AND HELPS WOUNDS HEAL. IT CAN EVEN BOOST YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM.

LIKE A CAT'S PAWS RELEASE PHEROMONES THAT CALM HUMANS DOWN...

SO I'VE BEEN UNDERGOING CAT THERAPY THIS WHOLE TIME.?

HEH...

AWW!

SHOULDN'T YOU BE FOCUSING ON FINDING A GUY?

WOW, CATS ARE AMAZING!

MAYBE I SHOULD GET ONE.

SOCIETY IF EVERY PERSON HAD A MOBILE CAT

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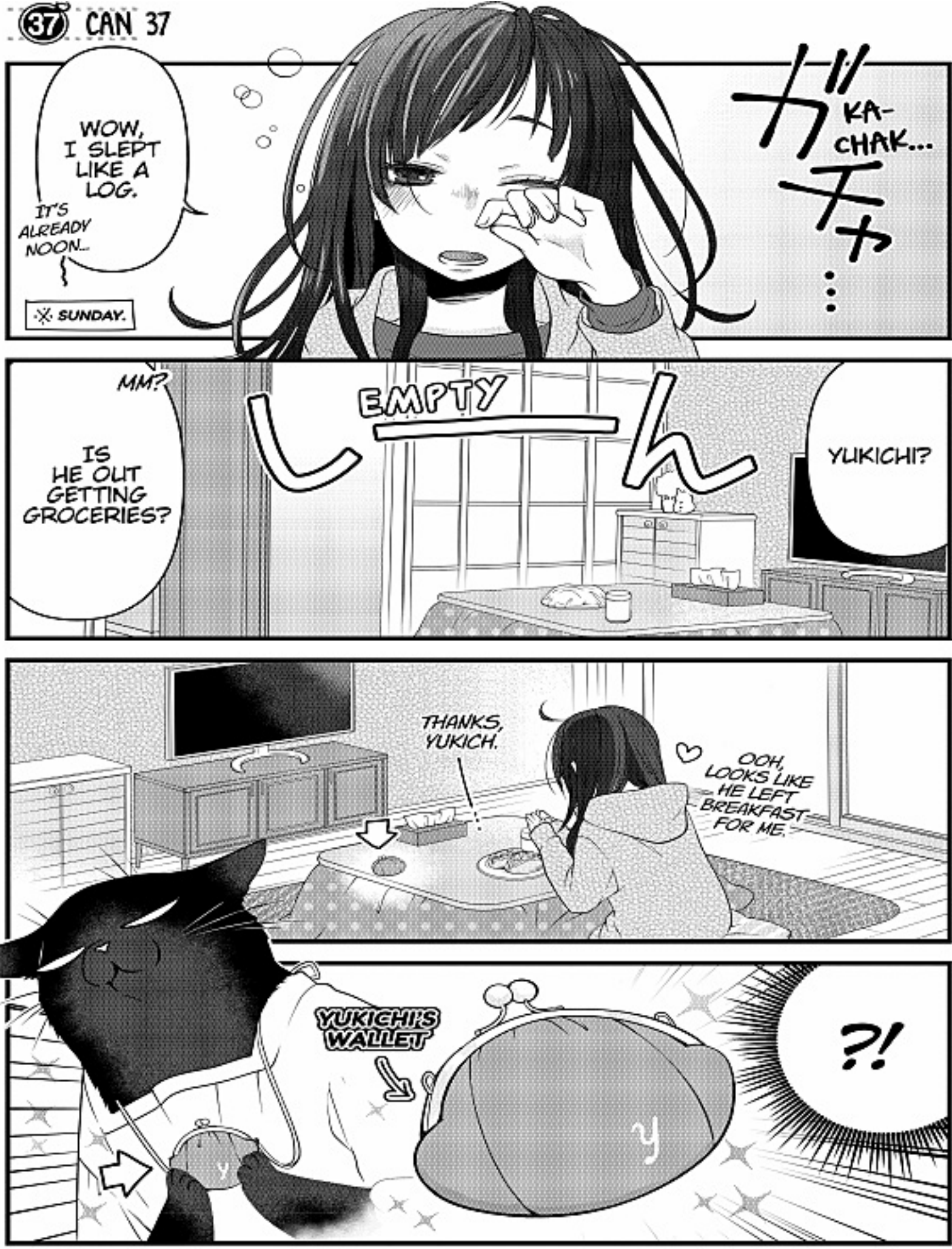
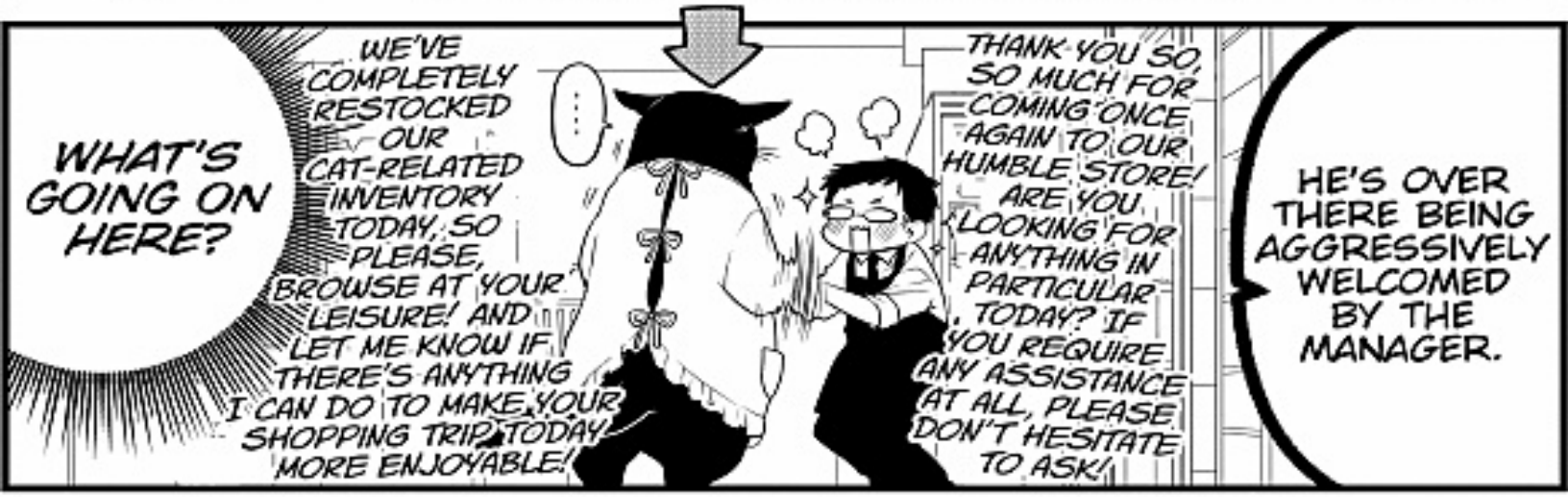

WOW, I SLEPT LIKE A LOG.
IT'S ALREADY NOON...
SUNDAY.
ガチャ
KA-CHAK...
MM?
IS HE OUT GETTING GROCERIES?
EMPTY
YUKICHI?
THANKS, YUKICH.
OOH, LOOKS LIKE HE LEFT BREAKFAST FOR ME.
YUKICHI'S WALLET
?!

YUKICHI FORGOT SOMETHING AT HOME?! HE NEVER FORGETS ANYTHING!
WAIT!
THERE'S MONEY IN HERE!
H-HE LEFT HIS WALLET HERE?!
HOLD ON.
NO, I'M OVER-REACTING. HE JUST FORGOT HIS WALLET.
EEEK...
THEY SAY THAT ANIMALS WILL HIDAE THE FACT THAT THEY'RE SICK!
DOES HE HAVE A FEVER?!
WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO TAKE HIM?
NASA?
IF YUKICHI WERE SICK...
YU-KICHIII !!
DASH

WELCO--
OH! NISHINA-SAN!
WERE YOU ALL RIGHT AFTER WE LEFT?!
RIGHT! YES! I'M SO SORRY FOR JUST LEAVING YOU LIKE THAT AND RUNNING OFF!
AH!
LAST MET IN CAN ZZ.
WHOA! YUKICHI-SAN'S, UM...
I-IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
I MEAN, I LEFT ALL THE HARD WORK TO THE POLICE.
OH, THERE'S NO NEED!
EEP!
I REALLY OWE YOU ONE!!
PLEASE, LET ME RETURN THE FAVOR!
YES! I'M INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP THAT TIME!
SHE KIND OF REMINDS ME OF YURI-CHAN BACK WHEN WE FIRST MET.
AH! I'M FUKUZAWA. NICE TO OFFICIALLY MEET YOU.
BLUSH
U-UM... UH... WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME YOUR NAME?

*Yukichi shares a name with Fukuzawa Yukichi, an influential figure in Japanese history who is featured on the 10,000-yen note.



O-OH REALLY?
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.
IN FACT, HE'S MORE THAN FINE WITH IT.
THE MANAGER IS FINE WITH IT AND WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY COMPLAINTS, EITHER, SO I THINK IT'S OKAY.
WHEN DID HE BECOME SUCH A BIG PART OF THE COMMUNITY? HE'S BEING SO FRIENDLY!
THERE'S SO MUCH I DON'T KNOW ABOUT HIM.
EVEN THOUGH WE LIVE TOGETHER...
WHAT?
I WOULD ACTUALLY RATHER IF YOU DIDN'T.
WAIT! UM...
AS HIS OWNER.
OH, I SHOULD GO INTRODUCE MYSELF TO THE MANAGER!
YUKICHI HAS A SUPER-FAN?!
HE'LL BE INSUFFERABLE.
HE'LL ASK YOU ALL ABOUT YUKICHI-SAN, AND THE MORE HE KNOWS, THE MORE OBSESSED HE'LL GET.

?!

THANKS FOR PUTTING UP WITH HIM.

LOOKS LIKE HE'S FINALLY RELEASED YUKICHI-SAN..

HEY, YUKICHI~!

!

SMUG

CASH...? YUKICHI-SAN, LATELY YOU'VE BEEN...

HEH HEH HEH.

SURPRISED TO SEE ME? YOU LEFT YOUR WALLET AT HOME SO I THOUGHT I'D BRING IT TO YOU.

CAN'T EXACTLY GO SHOPPING WITHOUT ANY CASH, CAN YOU? HA HA!

HEH.

HE'S GOING CASH-LESS?!

SHING

USING A PREPAID CARD, RIGHT?

WOW! YOU REALLY HAVE THE SALE PATTER DOWN!!

THANK YOU.

PLUS, IT ALSO DOUBLES AS A LOYALTY CARD AND MANAGES COUPONS.

WE'VE SUPPORTED CASHLESS METHODS OF PAYMENT EVER SINCE IMPLE-MENTING OUR POINTS PROGRAM.

WHEN I THOUGHT YOU FORGOT SOMETHING, I WAS WORRIED THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE A FEVER OR SOMETHING.
?
BUT I'M GLAD IT TURNED OUT TO BE NOTHING.
MAN, I REALLY JUMPED TO CONCLUSIONS!

?
WHAT DO I DO IF YOU ACTUALLY GET SICK?
I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO TAKE YOU TO GET TREATED!

HUH?
BEST FRIENDS VETERINARY
HOURS
BF VET

AHA HA HA!
SLAP
SLAP
VET
WHAT A JOKESTER! C'MON, LET'S HEAD HOME!
I'M STARVING.
Although I did bring you here once when you were just a kitten.
DON'T BE SILLY! THAT'S A VET FOR NORMAL ANIMALS, YUKICHI!.

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※ Oh, Suddenly Macaroni God II *is a reference to the series* Oh, Suddenly Egyptian God.

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※ Dia-chan is the kitten Yukichi and Yume-chan rescued.

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SOB! SOB!
STARE
IN TATTERS
AWWW... AFTER I TOOK THE TIME TO MAKE IT, TOO!

HEH...
THE IDEAL
TWITCH
HMMM. CAN I EVEN FIX THIS?

DIA-CHAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
CHOMP
AHHHHHH!!

AH HA HA! I THINK YOU LIKE THAT APRON MORE THAN TOY MICE!
DASH
THERE!
AW, DO YOU WANNA PLAY WITH THE APRON?

OH, ARE YOU PRACTICING STANDING UP, DIA-CHAN? WAIT, LET ME RECORD THIS!
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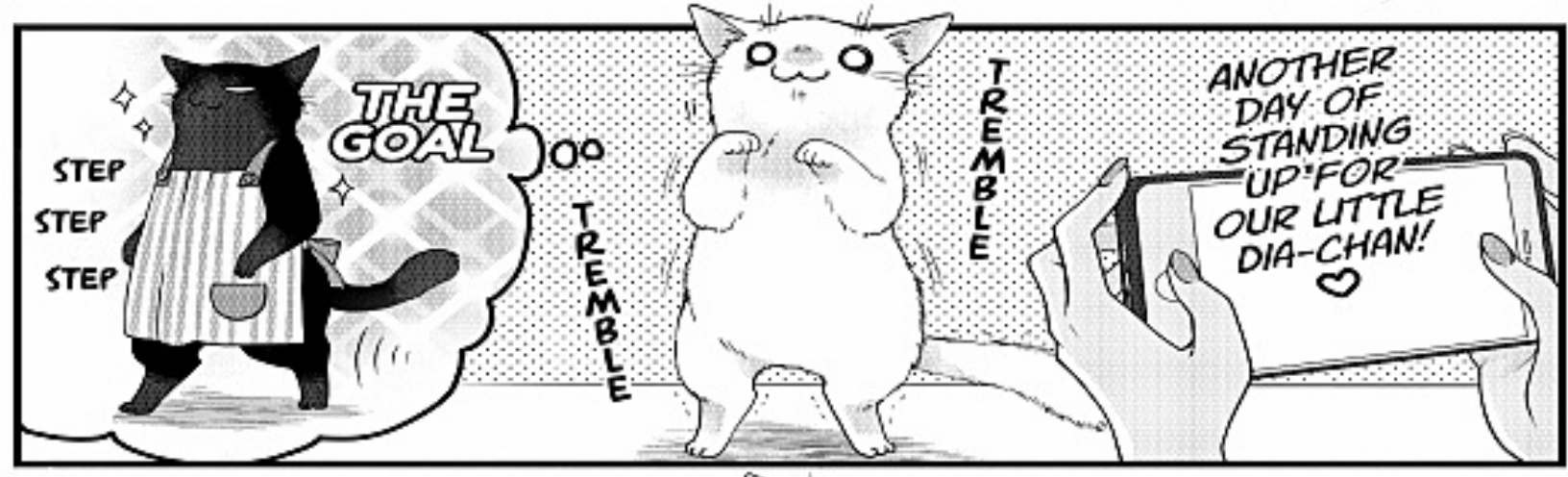
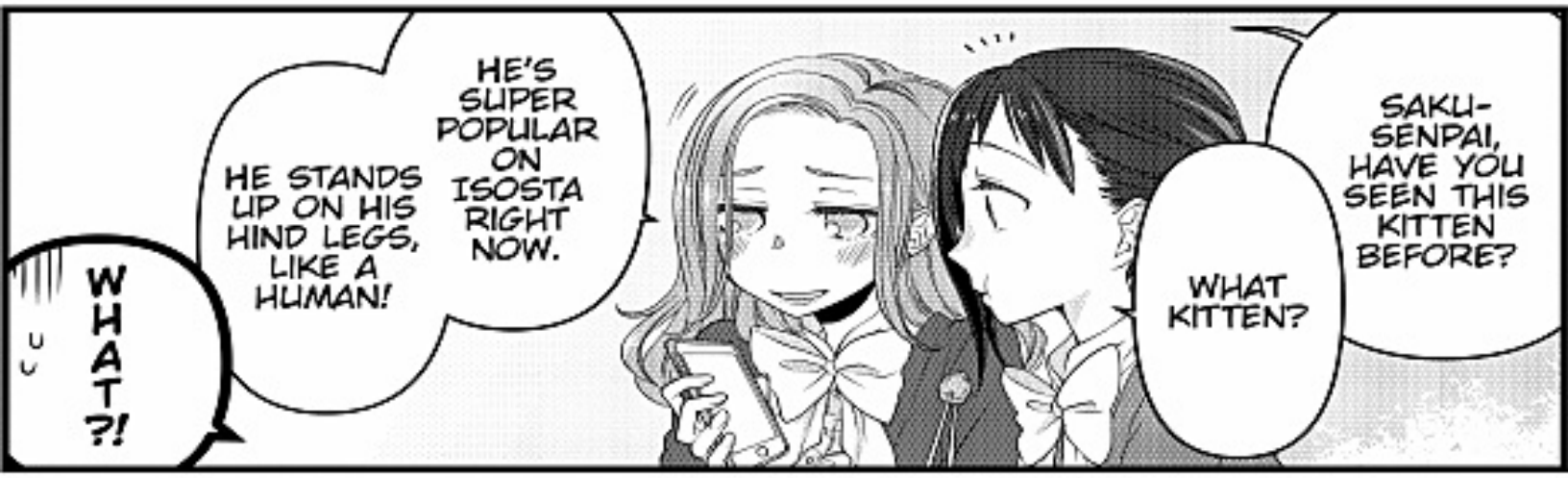
SWSH

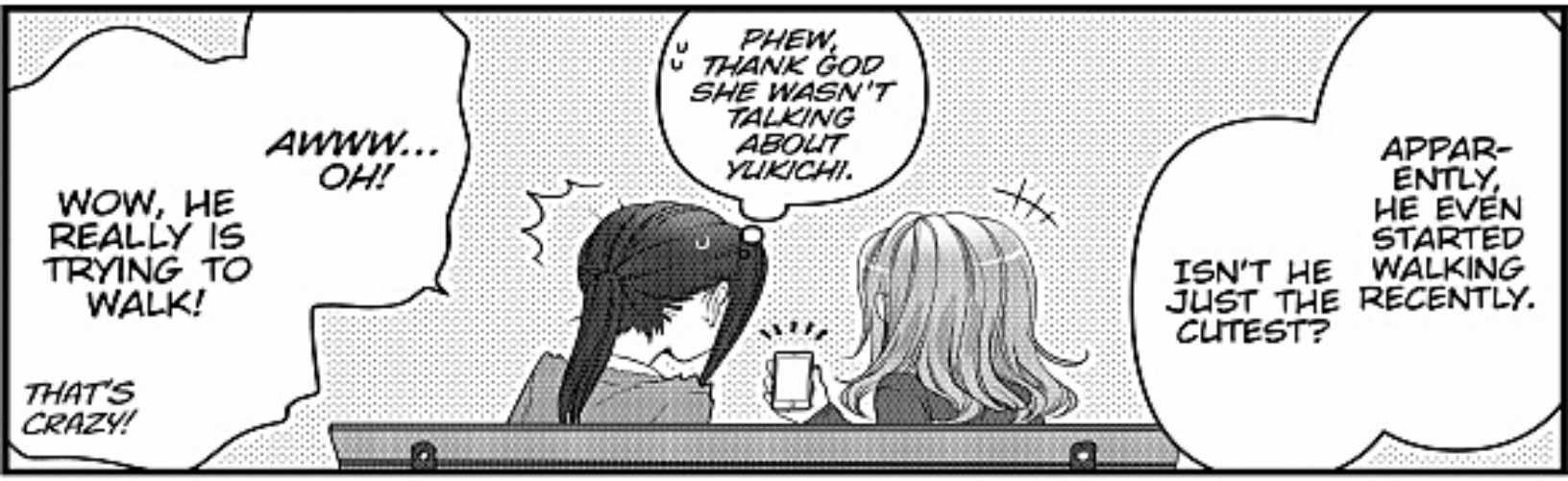

STEP
STEP
STEP
THE GOAL
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
ANOTHER DAY OF STANDING UP FOR OUR LITTLE DIA-CHAN!

TAP
HMPH!

.....
SMIRK
THANK GOD I WAS RECORDING!!!
KYAAA!
OHMI-GOSH, OUR BABY'S A GENIUS!! MAYBE THEY'LL EVEN ASK US TO BE ON TV!!
AHHH! DIA-CHAN JUST WALKED?! HE'S WALKING NOW?!

HEH HEH.
Isostagram
diachan.
HE WALKED!!!
(^o^)/
HEH.


WHAT?!
HE STANDS UP ON HIS HIND LEGS, LIKE A HUMAN!
HE'S SUPER POPULAR ON ISOSTA RIGHT NOW.
WHAT KITTEN?
SAKU-SENPAI, HAVE YOU SEEN THIS KITTEN BEFORE?


WOW, HE REALLY IS TRYING TO WALK!
THAT'S CRAZY!
AWWW... OH!
PHEW, THANK GOD SHE WASN'T TALKING ABOUT YUKICHI.
ISN'T HE JUST THE CUTEST?
APPAR-ENTLY, HE EVEN STARTED WALKING RECENTLY.

IT'S NOT WEIRD FOR A CAT TO WALK LIKE A HUMAN AFTER ALL!
I HAD NO IDEA!!
?
SO I GUESS MAYBE...
OHH... I HOPE THEY RELEASE A PHOTO-BOOK OF HIM...

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I GOT THIS FOR YOU AT THE UMYU-SEA CONCERT!

HERE YOU GO, YUKI-CHAN!

HEY, YUKI-CHAN! WHY IS SEA BUNNY YOUR FAVORITE?

IS IT 'CAUSE SHE'S THE ONE IN THE CENTER?

A KEY-CHAIN!

UMYU Sea

IT'S THE WORLD'S GREATEST FOOD!

THAT YOU CAN COOK WITH EVEN THE SMALL-EST OF HANDS!

I'M GONNA MAKE SOME-THING...

OH YEAH! YOU WANNA WATCH A VIDEO OF THE CON-CERT?

THEY LET US USE CAMERAS.

!!

HEH...

RICE BALLS !!

STARE
LET'S CHARGE UP!!
ALL RIGHT! WHILE FESTIVA-CHAN'S STOPPED TIME FOR THE MON-STERS...
SORRY, MY SCREAMING'S REALLY LOUD!
OH MY GOSH! IT'S UMYU-SEA!!
DON'T WORRY EVERY-ONE!! UMYU-SEA IS HERE TO SAVE THE DAY!
!
RICE BALLS!!
THE WORLD'S GREATEST FOOD!
ドーン
HUP!
TODAY I'M GONNA MAKE...
STUFF? LIKE FILLINGS?
O-OF COURSE NOT! I LIKE IT BECAUSE YOU CAN PUT ALL SORTS OF STUFF INSIDE.
BLACK AND WHITE.
IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE THE SAME COLORS AS A RICE BALL?
YOU SURE LOVE YOUR RICE BALLS, SEA BUNNY.
PERK
!
LIKE "STAY STRONG!"
WELL, YES, BUT I MEANT LIKE PUTTING YOUR FEELINGS INSIDE!

"I'M HERE FOR YOU!!"
ALL OF THOSE FEEL-INGS!
SQUEEZE
"DON'T GIVE UP!!"
SHAKE
SHAKE
NOW, LET'S PUT OUR FEELINGS INSIDE! "STAY STRONG!"
AND ROLL!!
AND IF YOUR HANDS ARE TOO SMALL ...
YOU CAN JUST PUT IT IN A CUP AND ROLL IT AROUND IN THERE!
I LIKE THE ONES WITH BONITO FLAKES AND SOY SAUCE!
RICE BALLS ARE SO TASTY!

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MORNING.
YAAAWN
YUKICHIII... MM? WHERE...?
SHIFF
OH! THANKS FOR THE, UH, THESE.
HEY, YUKI-CHI?
CAN YOU PUT ON THE THING? THE ONE FROM YESTERDAY...
THE WHAT'S-ITS-NAME.
SHWP
BEEP
THANK YOU~!
THAT'S THE ONE.
YUKICHIII~!
CAN YOU GRAB ME THE, UM, Y'KNOW...
YUKICHII! YEAH, THAT THING...
I FEEL LIKE AFTER A FEW DAYS OFF I START TO LOSE MY ABILITY TO SPEAK JAPANESE.
IT'S LIKE I'VE FORGOTTEN THE WORDS FOR ALL THE THINGS.
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU'VE SPOKEN WITH ANOTHER HUMAN BEING?
YOU NEED TO GET OUT MORE.

?!
NO WAY! THAT SEEMS A LITTLE MUCH!
YOU MIGHT EVEN FORGET HOW TO TALK!
YOU'RE IN DANGER, FUKUZAWA. BEFORE LONG YOU'LL START FORGETTING **EVERY-THING.**

DO YOU? BUT YOU LIVE ALONE. WHO DO YOU...
OH NO.
AND IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVEN'T TALKED AT *ALL*.
I TALK ALL THE TIME!

IT'S A SLIPPERY SLOPE, FUKUZAWA! BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, YOU'LL BE HAVING FULL-BLOWN CONVER-SATIONS WITH THE TV!
H-HEY, PEOPLE TALK TO THEIR PETS ALL THE TIME! IT'S NORMAL!
HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING TO YOUR **CAT?!**

YEAH, YOU ARE. IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, YOU'LL BE SENILE BEFORE YOU'RE THIRTY.
WAIT.
AM I TALKING TO MY-SELF...?
ONE-SIDE
...
I'M NOT TALKING TO MYSE--
RUDE!

HM...
GIVE IT A TRY!
I'VE HEARD SOME PEOPLE TALK TO THEIR SMART-PHONE ASSIS-TANTS.
OH YEAH, IF YOU WANT TO WORK ON YOUR CONVER-SATIONAL SKILLS...
UMM... UH...
HELLO.
H-HEY, SIRO!
ALL RIGHT!
I DIDN'T GET THAT. COULD YOU TRY AGAIN?
HEY YUKICHI, WHAT SHOULD I ASK SIRO?
SORRY, I'M STILL NOT SURE ABOUT THAT.
I COULDN'T THINK OF A QUESTION!!

YOU JUST NEED TO GREASE THE WHEELS TO GET IT RUNNING AGAIN! LET'S PLAY SOME BRAIN GAMES!
TA-DA
POKER
PLAYING CARDS
OH, I KNOW!
IF YOUR BRAIN'S GETTING A LITTLE SLOW AND RUSTY...
?
?
INTENSE
ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS, SHOOT!!
IT'S A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED SHOWDOWN, YUKICHI!
AH, MHM MHM MHM.
WOW, YOU'RE GOOD AT THIS.
YEAH, JUST LIKE THAT.
IF YOU FLIP OVER TWO OF THE SAME CARDS, YOU GET TO TAKE THEM.
Y'KNOW WHAT, LET'S JUST PLAY OTHELLO.
I'LL GO PICK IT UP FROM THE STORE!!
URK...
TOTAL VIC-TORY.

SIX HOURS LATER.
ALL RIGHT.
AHHH!
?
?
I QUIT!
AND I KNOW THAT YOUR BRAIN GETS A WORKOUT JUST BY PLAYING...
SIGH...
TAP TAP
SURE, IT'S NOT ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING...
WAAAAH!
.....
EVERY! SINGLE! GAME!!
BUT I'VE LOST EVERY SINGLE GAME SO FAR AND I'M NOT HAVING FUN!!

YUKICHI PUT SAKU THROUGH HELLISH BRAIN TRAINING UNTIL LATE INTO THE NIGHT.

AFTER THAT, THERE WAS A SHARP INCREASE IN FISH-BASED MEALS.
PACIFIC SAURY OVER RICE
DHA
EPA
SARDINE FISH BALL
AMBERJACK AND DAIKON
AHH!
SLURP SLURP...
YOU'VE BEEN REALLY INTO COOKING FISH LATELY, HUH?

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menu

*Tamagoyaki is sweet, rolled omelet.

GLAD TO HEAR IT! CHEER UP, OKAY?

AH HA HA!

CHEW CHEW

IT'S SO GOOOOD!

SO I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY IT. ♡

YOU MAKE IT LOOK SO TASTY WHENEVER YOU EAT IT...

WELL...

YOU TOO?!

CAN I HAVE SOME, TOO~?

HEH HEH HEH.

RIGHT?

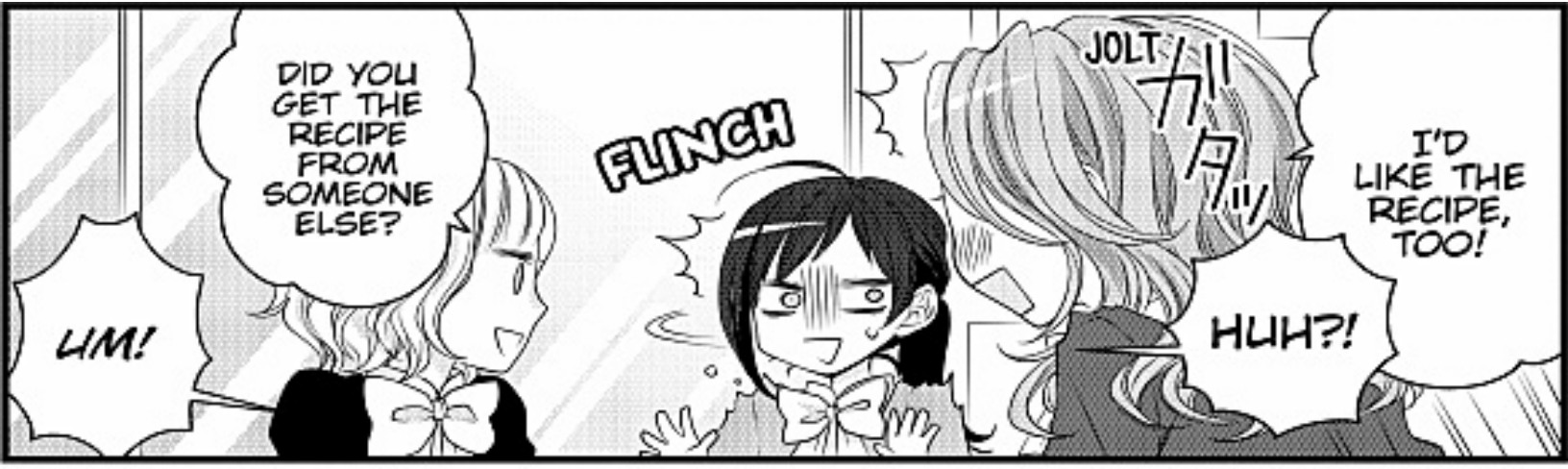
MMM!! IT REALLY IS DELICIOUS!!

MM!

CHOMP

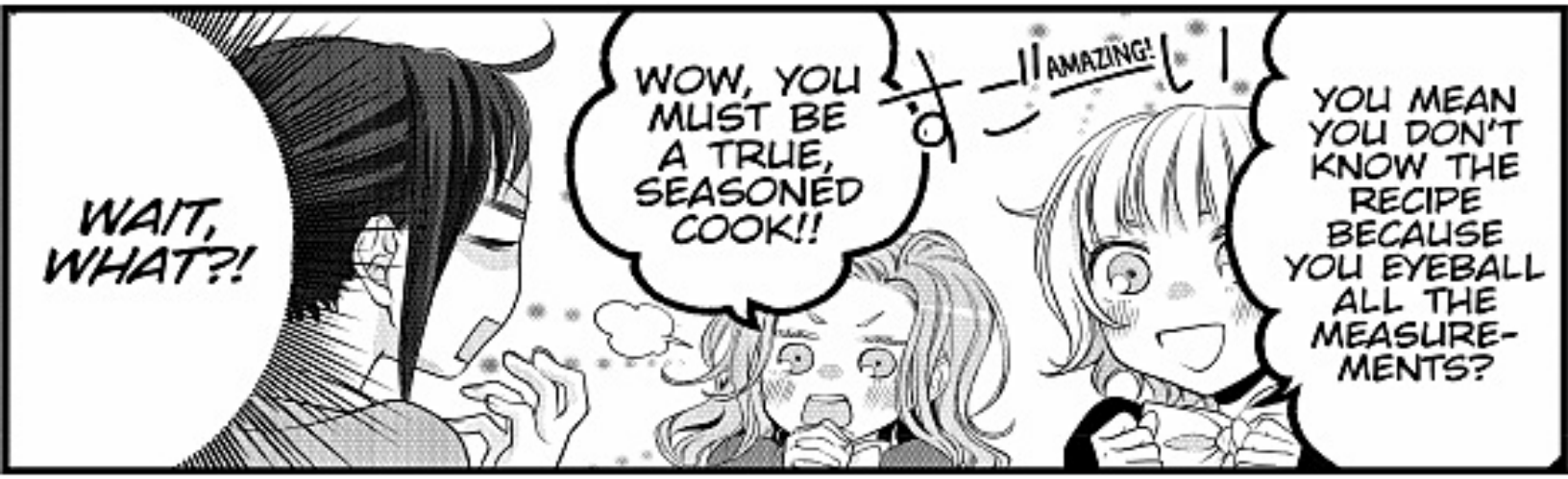
GAH!

CAN I GET THE RECIPE?


DID YOU GET THE RECIPE FROM SOMEONE ELSE?
FLINCH
JOLT
I'D LIKE THE RECIPE, TOO!
UM!
HUH?!

SAKU-SENPAI...?
THIS IS IT. I HAVE TO COME CLEAN.

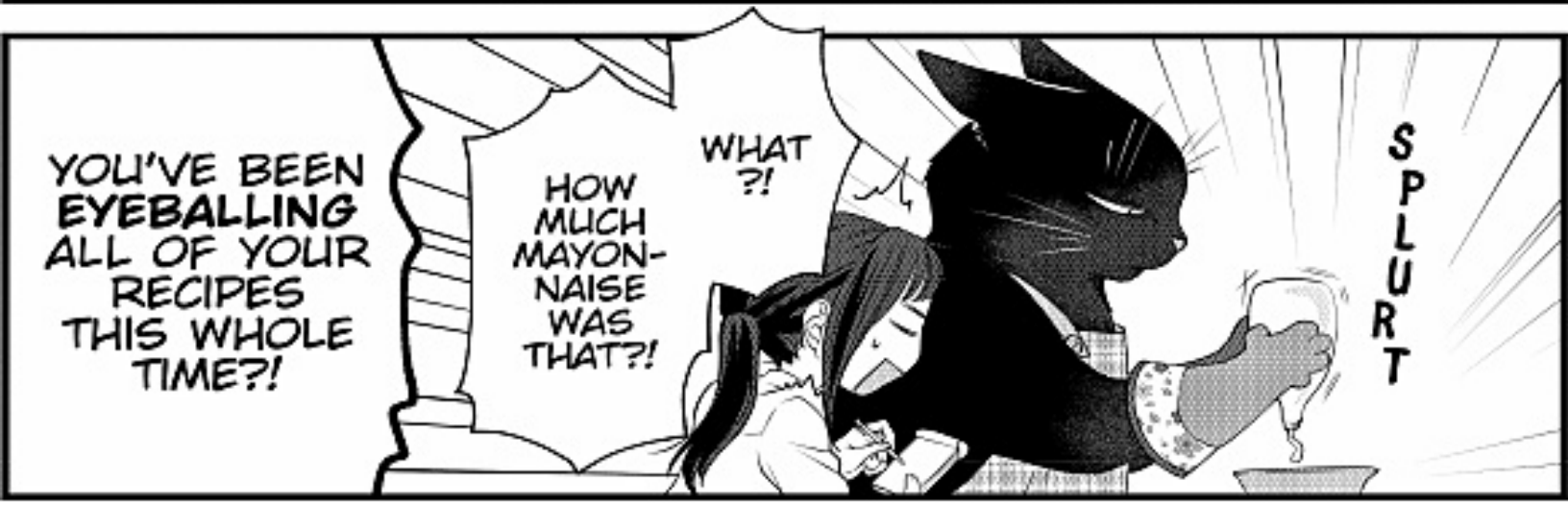
SHAKE
UH!
KNOW HOW...
WHAT ?!
SHAKE
I...
I DON'T ACTUALLY...
UM!
SHAKE
I HAVE TO TELL THEM THAT A CAT MADE ALL THIS FOOD AND THAT I'M BASICALLY INCAPABLE OF COOKING...!


WAIT, WHAT?!
WOW, YOU MUST BE A TRUE, SEASONED COOK!!
AMAZING!
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW THE RECIPE BECAUSE YOU EYEBALL ALL THE MEASURE-MENTS?

TO BEG YOU TO SHOW ME HOW TO MAKE TAMA-GOYAKI.
AND SO...
AFTER PILING LIES ON TOP OF LIES, I HAVE COME TO YOU ON MY KNEES...

OKAY, THESE ARE THE INGREDI-ENTS.
NOW WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO MAKE--
MAYO?

HOLD ON!
WHAT ABOUT MEASURE-MENTS?!
SHAKE


YOU'VE BEEN EYEBALLING ALL OF YOUR RECIPES THIS WHOLE TIME?!
HOW MUCH MAYON-NAISE WAS THAT?!
WHAT ?!
SPLURT

Here's the recipe. 23:02

Ingredients: 23:02

Eggs - 2
Sugar - 1 shake
Salt - 2 taps
Mayonnaise - 1 splurt
Soy sauce - 2 drips
23:03

What kind of recipe is this?! 23:12

23:12

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FUKU-ZAWA?
YES, SHE'S IN MY DEPART-MENT.
WHAT ABOUT HER?

MAYBE YOU COULD ARRANGE SOME AFTERWORK DRINKS AND INVITE HER ALONG?
YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN WANTING TO CHAT HER UP!
DO IT AS A FAVOR FOR YOUR PAL.
IF YOU WANTED TO ASK HER OUT, YOU COULD JUST TALK TO HER HERE, IN THE OFFICE.
YEAH, BUT THEN IT'S LIKE A WORK MEETING.

I WANT TO MEET HER IN A WAY WHERE A SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP IS ON THE TABLE, Y'KNOW?
WHEN I SAW HER IN A YUKATA DURING THE RETREAT, I WAS LIKE...WOW!
HOW ABOUT I SET UP A MEETING WITH HR, INSTEAD?
SORRY!! I'D NEVER SEXUALLY HARASS ANYONE!! I'M NOT A CREEP!!

THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THIS MONTH...
C'MON, DO ME A SOLID!
STOP FOLLOWING ME.
THAT I'VE HAD TO FEND OFF SOMEONE ASKING ME TO INTRODUCE THEM TO FUKUZAWA SAKU.

THIS IS THE THIRD TIME I'VE HAD THIS CONVERSATION.

NO WOMAN WANTS HER BOSS TO SET HER UP.

KEEP YOUR JUICE.

I'LL BUY YOU A JUICE FROM THE VENDING MACHINE!

COULD YOU JUST FIND THAT OUT FOR ME? PLEASE?

BUT SHE IS SINGLE RIGHT NOW, RIGHT?

HIGH SPEC OFFICE LADY

OSHIRO SAID SHE'S ALSO BEEN BOMBARDED WITH PEOPLE ASKING HER TO SET THEM UP.

SHE'S DILIGENT, SHE CAN HOLD HER LIQUOR, AND SHE'S A GREAT COOK.

SHE'S ATTRACTIVE AND KIND.

SHE'S GOT QUITE THE FAN CLUB.

BYE.

SO YOU'RE NOT IN THE RUNNING?

LIKE YOU?

THERE ARE ALSO PLENTY OF MEN WHO WOULD RATHER AVOID WORKPLACE RELATIONSHIPS.

I GOTTA MAKE A MOVE.

MAN! I BET THERE ARE A BUNCH OF GUYS LOOKING AT FUKUZAWA-CHAN AS WIFE MATERIAL AFTER THE COMPANY RETREAT.

THAT FUKUZAWA IS EXACTLY AS SHE SEEMS.

HMMM...

C'MON!

I'M ALSO SKEPTICAL...

SHE'S NOT ACTUALLY THAT CAPABLE OF HOLDING HER LIQUOR.
AND HER EATING HABITS... WELL, WHEN SHE FIRST STARTED HERE...
DARK MEMORIES...
PUTTING ASIDE THE FACT THAT A FEW YEARS AGO SHE WAS LIVING IN AN APARTMENT THAT WAS PRACTICALLY A TOXIC WASTELAND...
HM? OH, YES.
ENERGY JELLY DRINK
IS THAT ALL YOU'RE HAVING FOR LUNCH, FUKUZAWA-SAN?
PLUS, THESE ARE FASTER AND EASIER TO EAT.
I'M... USED TO IT.
SURE.
ALSO, I'D LIKE A TALLY OF THESE.
COULDN'T YOU GET FOOD FROM THE CAFETERIA FOR ABOUT THE SAME PRICE AS THOSE JELLY DRINKS?
REALLY?
BUT THAT DEGREE OF INDIFFERENCE TOWARD FOOD WAS CONCERNING.
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING SINCE IT'S NOT MY PLACE...
WHAT KIND OF DREAM IS THAT?
IF I COULD EAT WITHOUT CHEWING AT ALL, THAT'D BE THE DREAM!

HER LUNCHES HAD BECOME QUITE IMPRESSIVE.

SOUP AND A FANCY LUNCH BOX.

FURIKAKE AND PICKLED PLUM OVER RICE.

A LUMPY, SALTED RICE BALL.

SHORTLY AFTER THAT SHE STARTED BRINGING ACTUAL LUNCH, AND WITHIN A YEAR...

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO IT?

IT LOOKS SUPER TASTY!!

WOW! ANOTHER AMAZING LUNCH TODAY, HUH?

WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED IN THAT SHORT TIME SPAN?

NOW SHE'S THE BELLE OF THE OFFICE.

SHIVER

?!

STARE...

.....

?

キョロ GLANCE キョロ GLANCE

?

DOES SHE REALLY LIVE BY HERSELF?

FROM FUKUZAWA'S FRIEND, YUKI-SAN.

WOW.

TOSS

FANCY!

HE GAVE ME THIS.

BACK WHEN WE WENT TO THE AQUARIUM, WE RECEIVED A BASKET OF RATHER NICE SANDWICHES...

SOMEHOW, DESPITE NEVER HAVING SEEN HIM BEFORE...

WHOA! WHO'S THE ONE IN THE HYPER-REALISTIC CAT COSTUME...?

Yuki-san brought these amazing mini sliders! They were a big hit!

And Fukuzawa-san's costume was absolutely adorable! (^Δ^) I wish you could've seen it! ♡

Oh really.

Let me send you some pics!

AND EVER SINCE HEARING THAT HE'D BROUGHT HOME-COOKED FOOD TO YUME'S BIRTHDAY PARTY...

IS THE ONE WHO MAKES THE IMPRESSIVE LUNCHES THAT FUKUZAWA BRINGS EVERY DAY.

SCARY.

I HAD A FEELING THAT THIS "YUKI-SAN"...

I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL LIKE SOMETHING'S NOT ADDING UP.

OH!

NO, IT'S NOTHING.

IS SOMETHING WRONG?

BUT EVERY TIME SOMEONE COMES UP TO ME AND ASKS ABOUT FUKUZAWA...

IT'S HER PRIVATE LIFE, SO IT FELT WRONG TO ASK HER ABOUT IT.

ALTHOUGH, AFTER WORKING WITH HER FOR SO LONG...
COULD YOU TAKE CARE OF THIS, AS WELL?
AH, YES!
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT SHE IS THE KIND OF PERSON...
WHO WOULD LIE FOR APPEARANCE'S SAKE.
THERE MUST BE AN EXPLANATION.
BUT WHY AM I THINKING SO HARD ABOUT THIS?
IT'S NOT LIKE ME TO DWELL ON MY EMPLOYEES' PRIVATE LIVES.
BOSS?
カタカタ
CLATTER
BUMP
SIR?!
Y-YES ...?
S-S-SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO STARTLE YOU!
I'M FINE. NOW, WHAT IS IT YOU NEEDED?
YOU DON'T LOOK FINE.

"SENSING MY EYES"? WHAT ARE YOU, SOME KIND OF WILD ANIMAL?

I FIGURED MAYBE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO SAY ANYTHING AT LUNCH.

I'VE BEEN SENSING YOUR EYES ON ME LATELY.

HAVE I MADE AN ERROR SOMEWHERE IN THE REPORTS?

NO, THERE AREN'T ANY ISSUES.

OH?

IS THAT SO?

WELL, IF YOU NEED ANYTHING AT ALL, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!

ANYTHING ...?

.....

"WHO IS YUKI-SAN?"

SO THERE WAS SOMETHING AFTER ALL!

AH!

YES!

.....

NEVER MIND.

HOW'S... YOUR CAT?

HE'S, UM, DOING WELL?

CAN 42 END

The Masterful Cat is Depressed Again, Today

OWWWW!
MERCY!!
MERCYY!!
#LONGOWNERCHALLENGE
©YAMADA HITSUZI

EH HEH HEH.
EH HEH HEH.
TEE HEE!
HEH.
SOMEONE AT WORK SHOWED ME THIS ISOSTAGRAM ACCOUNT THE OTHER DAY.
SORRY, AM I BEING TOO LOUD?
OOPS.
KA-CHAK
?
THEY KINDA FEEL AS IF THEY THEMSELVES HAVE A CAT.
SWISH
YOU KNOW, I'VE HEARD THAT WHEN PEOPLE LOOK AT ISOSTA CAT ACCOUNTS ...
?!?!?
.....

IT'S JUST THAT, MY BOSS HAS BEEN ASKING ME ABOUT HOW YOU'RE DOING!

WOW, THIS CAFÉ AU LAIT LOOKS SO GOOD!

TEETER TEETER TEETER TEETER TEETER TEETER TEETER TEETER TEETER TEETER TEETER TEE

I MEAN, YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY A CAT!

W-WAIT, I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT!

I THINK MY BOSS IS ACTUALLY A CAT PERSON!

NOT QUITE.

IS SHE REALLY CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF ANOTHER LIVING BEING?

SHE HAS A CAT? IN THAT HOUSE OF TRASH?

TO MAKE SURE I'M TAKING GOOD CARE OF YOU.

I THINK HE MIGHT BE CHECKING IN ON ME, LIKE MOM DOES...

I COULD CASUALLY SPRINKLE THAT INTO NORMAL CONVERSATION TO GIVE OFF THE VIBE OF LIKE, A COMPETENT PET OWNER... OR SOME-THING.

SO I WAS THINKING, BY LOOKING AT THESE POSTS ABOUT WHAT IT'S LIKE TO OWN A CAT...

WHAT ARE YOU WARMING UP FOR?!

HMPH.

HMPH.

FLINCH

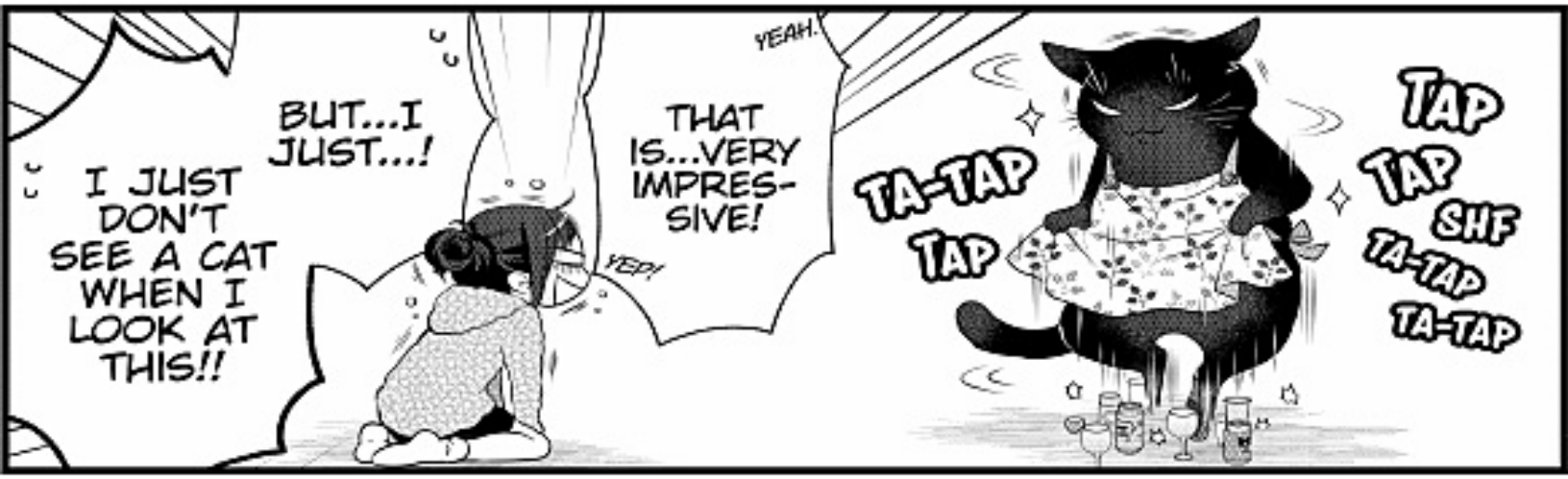
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

AW, YUKI-CHI!!
NOD NOD
NOD NOD
かわいい
OOH!
ARE... ARE YOU GONNA DO ACTUAL CAT THINGS ?!
I SAW THIS VIDEO EARLIER WHERE A KITTY GETS HIS CLAWS STUCK AND HIS OWNER HAD TO--
ろぅろれ
TA-DA!
OH! A SCRATCHING POST! YOU'VE NEVER USED ONE BEFORE!!
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
※ MONK PLAYING A LUTE.
?!
OKAY, YOU CAN STOP NOW.

WHAT'S THAT FOR?
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
YOU DON'T NEED TO TRY SO HARD TO BE MORE CAT-LIKE.
WELL... IN THE END, YOU ARE YOU.
HUH?

SLIIIDE
YOUR LEGS ARE A LOT BIGGER THAN A NORMAL CAT'S.
WOW! CAN YOU REALLY DO THAT?!
NOD
NOD
OH, I'VE SEEN THIS! YOU'RE GONNA WALK THROUGH ALL THIS STUFF WITHOUT KNOCKING IT OVER?!

SHWP
ALL RIGHT! LET'S SEE IT!

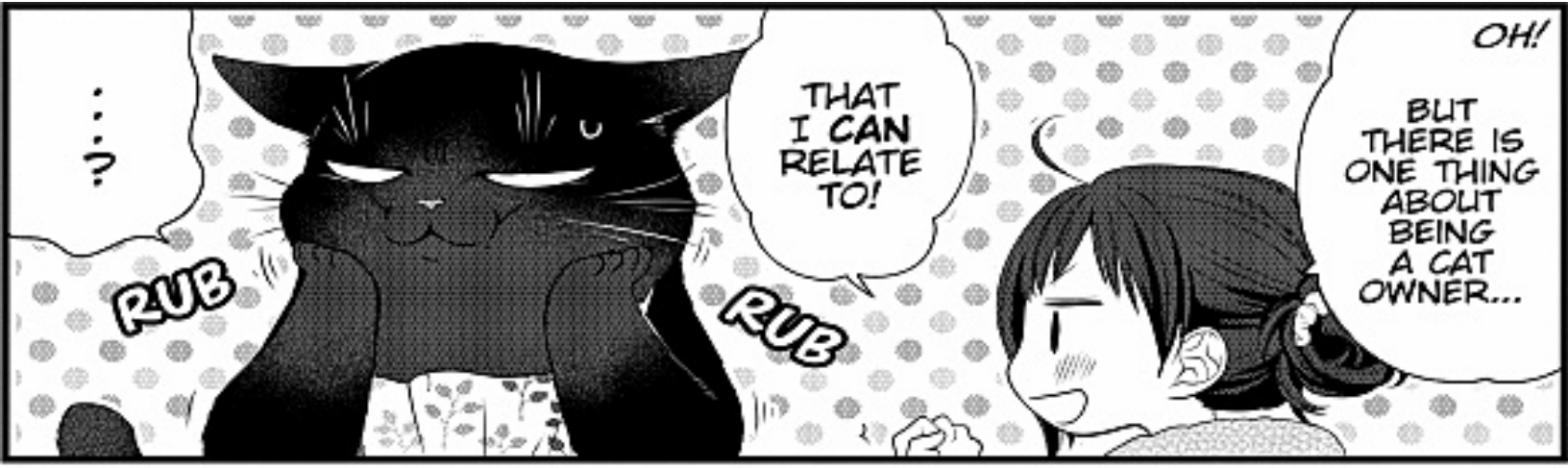

I JUST DON'T SEE A CAT WHEN I LOOK AT THIS!!
BUT...I JUST...!
YEP!
THAT IS...VERY IMPRES-SIVE!
YEAH.
TA-TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
SHF
TA-TAP
TA-TAP

AT THIS POINT I'M READY TO BELIEVE THAT "NORMAL CATS" ARE JUST A MYTH!
THE GREAT FELINE CONUNDRUM
WHAT EVEN ARE CATS? WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE NORMAL?
I DON'T KNOW ANY-MORE.

はSIIIGH...
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY CAT VIDEOS I WATCH. HE'LL... HE'LL...
MEOW! MEOW!
THE MOMENT MY BOSS STARTS TALKING ABOUT CATS, HE'S GONNA KNOW I'M A FRAUD.

SHOCK
HEH HEH HEH.
DISTRACTED
ほわっ
HEH.

I'M SECOND-GUESSING EVERY-THING I'VE EVER KNOWN!!
ARE THOSE... CHEEK POUCHES?! DO CATS HAVE CHEEK POUCHES ?!
むぅ
HMMPH
ふくらっ


...?
RUB
THAT I CAN RELATE TO!
RUB
OH!
BUT THERE IS ONE THING ABOUT BEING A CAT OWNER...

THEY'RE NEVER AS CUTE AS YOUR OWN CAT!
FOR SURE!
IT'S THAT, NO MATTER HOW CUTE SOMEONE ELSE'S CAT IS...

...
HA HA HA!
I KNOW, I KNOW! YOU'RE THINKING "THAT'S IT?!", RIGHT? HA HA.

TOO BAD I CAN'T TALK ABOUT HOW GOOD MY CAT'S COOKING IS, 'CAUSE I COULD GO ON FOREVER ABOUT THAT!
わ WOO-HOO! し
SWISH
RUSH
RUSH
RUSH
SIZZLE

APPARENTLY, HE CAN WALK A BIT ON HIS HIND LEGS!
THIS ONE! HIS NAME IS DIA-CHAN...
THERE'S THIS CAT THAT REMINDS ME OF YOU.
LOOK AT THIS!
...?!

CAN 43 END

AM I SUPPOSED TO INCLUDE YOUR TAIL?!
WHERE DO I START MEASURING FROM?!
#LONGCATCHALLENGE
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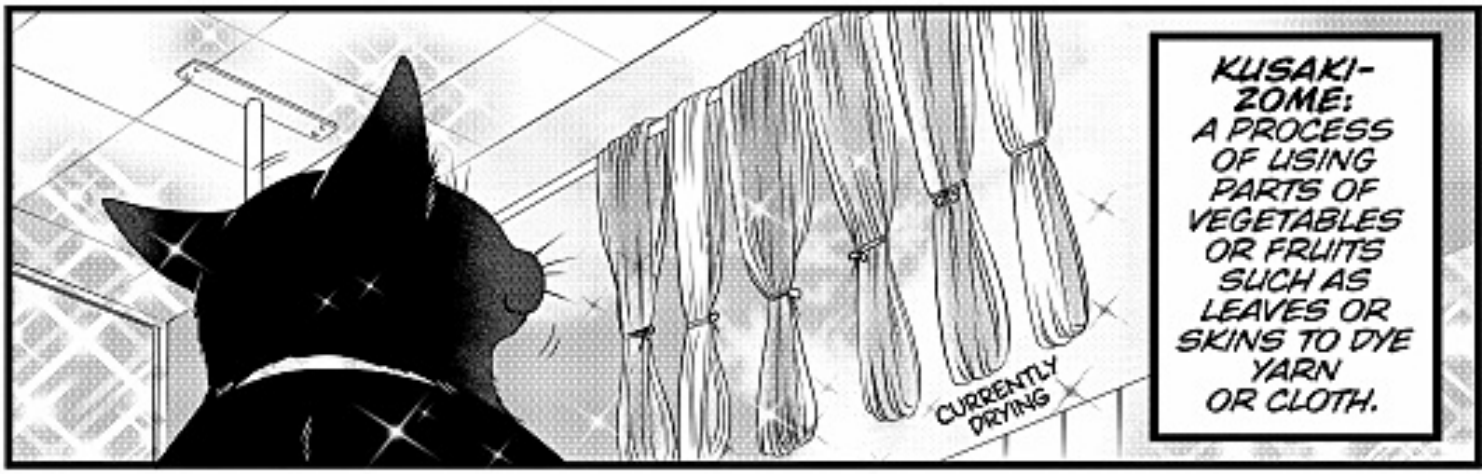
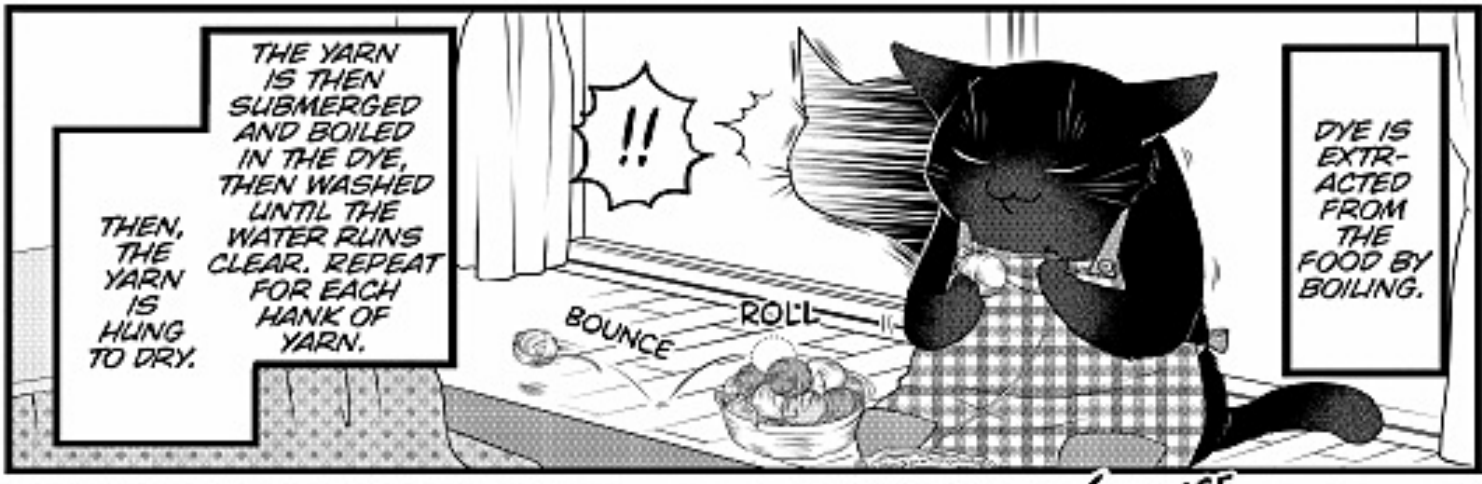
YUKICHI, MY LUNCH! AHH, YOU ALREADY BROUGHT IT! THANK YOU!!
SHOOT!
STOMP
STOMP
I'M LATE, I'M LATE, I'M LAAATE!!
STOMP
SLAM
OKAY, I GOTTA RUN! LOCK UP FOR ME, OKAY?!
SHLIP
SLIP
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
.....
FWOO
PA-CHAK


KUSAKI-ZOME: A PROCESS OF USING PARTS OF VEGETABLES OR FRUITS SUCH AS LEAVES OR SKINS TO DYE YARN OR CLOTH.
CURRENTLY DRYING


DYE IS EXTRACTED FROM THE FOOD BY BOILING.
!!
BOUNCE
ROLL
THE YARN IS THEN SUBMERGED AND BOILED IN THE DYE, THEN WASHED UNTIL THE WATER RUNS CLEAR. REPEAT FOR EACH HANK OF YARN.
THEN, THE YARN IS HUNG TO DRY.

IT IS A LABORIOUS AND TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS ...
POUNCE
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
GASP!
BUT INGREDIENTS ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND IT'S POSSIBLE TO DO IT AT HOME.

WHEW!
DYEING YARN IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED HOBBY WITHIN THE CRAFTS SPHERE.

WITH THAT SAID, I'D LIKE YOU ALL TO KEEP THE OTHER PARTY'S AND YOUR OWN SUPERIORS' SCHEDULES IN MIND WHEN DOING SO...

SO YOU'RE ALL LIKELY TO BE DINING WITH CLIENTS MORE OFTEN.

WE'RE COMING UP ON THE END OF THE YEAR...

BOO...

AND NOW IT'S THE SEASON FOR VACCINATIONS AND YEAR-END ADJUSTMENTS.

IT'S BEEN A WARM WINTER, SO IT HADN'T REALLY SUNK IN YET.

YEAH.

OH MY GOD. CAN YOU BELIEVE THE YEAR IS ALMOST OVER ALREADY?! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?!

GASP

THE CLOCK IS TICKING! IF WE DON'T FIND SOMEONE SOON, WE'LL BE SPENDING IT *ALONE!!*

THE END OF THE YEAR MEANS **CHRISTMAS!!**

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

LET'S GO TO A MIXER TOGETHER!!

PANIC

OH GOD, WHAT DO I DO (ABOUT YUKICHI'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT)?!

YES?

HUFF!

HUFF!

UM! FUKU-ZAWA-SAN!

UM...!

I, UM, WANTED TO ASK...

I JOINED THE COMPANY THE SAME YEAR AS ORIZUKA!!

UH... I KNOW WE'VE NEVER SPOKEN BEFORE, BUT...

I'M KANO FROM INFOR-MATION SYSTEMS!

I'M PLANNING ON SPENDING CHRISTMAS AT HOME WITH MY CAT!

OH!

YES, I DO.

IF YOU HAD ANY PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR?!

MURMUR

MAYBE FUKU-ZAWA-SAN IS JUST STRESSED BECAUSE IT'S A BUSY TIME OF YEAR.

WHAT A BRUTAL WAY TO REJECT SOMEONE.

MURMUR

MURMUR

?

SAKU-SENPAI?

MURMUR

WAIT.

SHE'D LITERALLY RATHER SPEND CHRISTMAS ALONE THAN WITH HIM?

I ENDED UP GOING OUT TO THREE DIFFERENT CONVENIENCE STORES LATE AT NIGHT TO BUY A BUNCH OF CANS OF CAT FOOD.
A FEAST
AH!
CHRISTMAS DAY LAST YEAR WAS A TOTAL HAZE UP UNTIL I SAW THE FEAST YUKICHI MADE. I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING BEFORE THAT.
CHRIST-MAS, HUH?

I DON'T THINK CAT STUFF IS A GOOD IDEA, EITHER.
THE ONLY THING HE USES REGULARLY IS THAT NEKO-CHIGURA THAT HE GOT FROM YURI-CHAN.
SOMETHING FOR THE KITCHEN? NO. SINCE I EAT THE FOOD HE MAKES, THAT'S MORE LIKE A GIFT FOR ME.
WHAT WOULD YUKICHI WANT?

AH, YES!
HURRY!!
FUKUZAWA-KUN, YOU'RE SO FAST! WOULD YOU MIND HANDLING THIS AS WELL?
HURRY UP!
YES!
FUKU-ZAWA-SAN, ARE YOU FINISHED WITH THAT?!
SURE!
FUKU-ZAWA-SAN, COULD YOU TAKE CARE OF THIS NEXT?
I NEED TO HURRY UP AND GET HOME SO I CAN DO SOME RE-SEARCH!

I'M HOO-OO-ME.
FLOP
WHY IS IT THAT THE MORE WORK I DO, THE MORE WORK I GET?!

SHOULD I JUST GIVE UP AND ASK HIM WHAT HE WANTS?!
OR DOES THAT JUST MAKE IT SEEM LIKE I DON'T CARE ENOUGH?
TICKETS
JUST MADE IT IN TIME!
IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO ANY RESEARCH AT ALL!!

YUKICHI'S FAVORITE THING...
WHAT IS IT?
COME SEE US, UMYU-SER, IN PERSON!!
OKAY, SOMETHING THAT YUKICHI DOESN'T ALREADY HAVE.
SOMETHING SPECIAL.

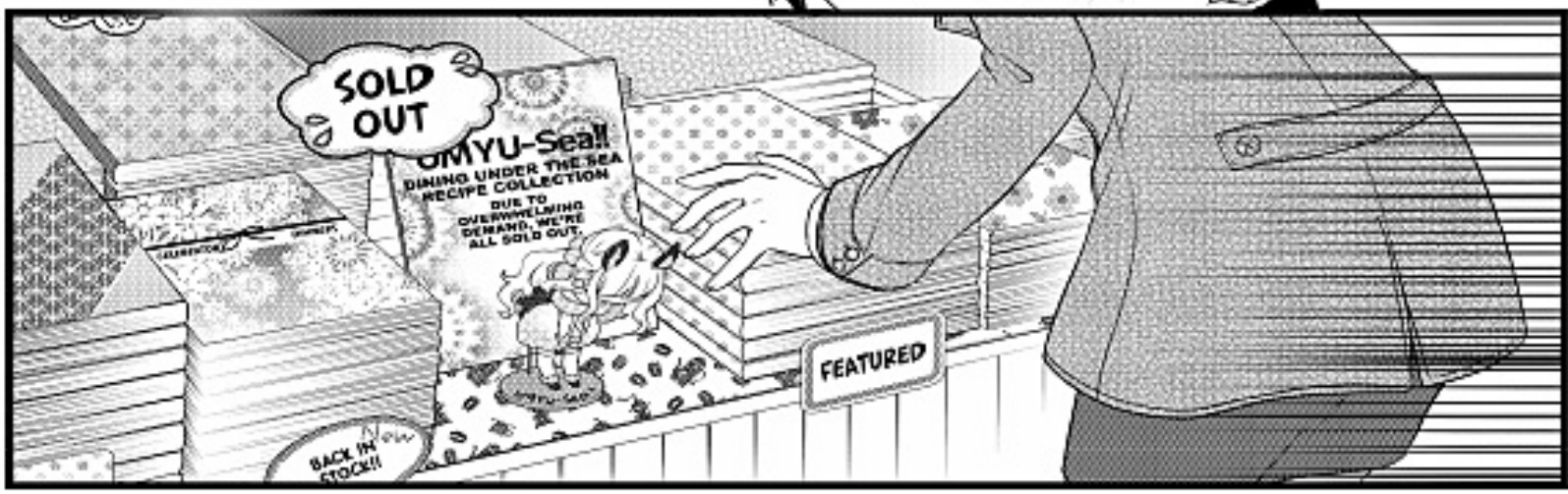
DINING UNDER THE SEA
COME SEE US, UMYU-SER, IN PERSON!!
BOOK SIGNING
DECEMBER 24TH, 10:00 AM
AT THE SIRIUS BOOK GALLERY!!

BAM
THAT'S IT!

OKAY, I NEED TO GET THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THEN, DURING LUNCH, I CAN RUSH OVER TO THE BOOK-STORE!
TECH-NOLOGY IS AMAZING!
SO, I NEED THE SPECIAL CODE THAT COMES WITH THE FIRST EDITION OF THE RECIPE BOOK...
AND I REDEEM THAT ON THEIR WEBSITE FOR A RAFFLE ENTRY!

AND GIVE IT TO HIM FOR CHRISTMAS!
"TO YUKI-SAN" IS IT?
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, YUKICHI'S FAVORITE IS THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE.
I'LL GET HER TO SIGN A COPY OF THE RECIPE BOOK...

PURRRRRRRRRR MEOW!
HEH HEH AH HA HA!
TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE
THAT HAS TO NET ME A TON OF GOOD-OWNER POINTS!!


SOLD OUT
OMYU-Sea!!
DINING UNDER THE SEA RECIPE COLLECTION
DUE TO OVERWHELMING DEMAND, WE'RE ALL SOLD OUT.
FEATURED
BACK IN STOCK!!

NO, I DIDN'T FORGET.
YES, YES. I JUST HAD THE TICKET PRINTED OUT.
VREEEEE
I'M HUNGRY...
FORGET THE RAFFLE TICKET, I COULDN'T EVEN GET THE BOOK.
UMYU-SEA IS CRAZY POPULAR.

WHIP
!!
CLEAN ECOLOGY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS GET A PLUS ONE ANYWAY, RIGHT?
YOU ALREADY HAVE ONE? CAN I TOSS THIS ONE, THEN?

SORRY, COULD I CALL YOU BACK?
DO YOU REALLY THINK YUME WANTS TO SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE WITH HER UNCLE?
I DOUBT IT.
HM...? YOU WANT ME TO BRING HER AGAIN?

PLEASE...
SIR... HEY...
WHA--?!
BEEP
I JUST SAW SOMETHING TERRIFYING IN THE CORNER OF MY EYE.

♫
♪
CLICK
CLICK
!!
バサッ
RUSTLE
JOLT
KER-CHAK
I'M HOME~!
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
O-OKAY.
THEN I'M GONNA HOP IN THE BATH.
HM? IS SOME-THING WRONG?
THERE'S NO WAY HE'D BE SUSPICIOUS, RIGHT???
THAT WAS TOTALLY NATURAL, RIGHT?

HEE HEE.
GRIN
GRIN
FWIP
DINING UNDER THE SEA
ENTRY TICKET TO THE BOOK SIGNING COMMEMORATING THE RELEASE OF OUR RECIPE BOOK

I DON'T NEED ANYTHING FOR IT...JUST... TAKE IT.
PLEASE!! I'LL PAY WHATEVER THE GOING PRICE IS FOR THAT TICKET! OR I COULD BABYSIT AGAIN!!
SNAP
YOU WANT THE EXTRA TICKET TO THE BOOK SIGNING...?

OH, YOU BROUGHT THE HAIR DRYER?! THANKS!!
STUFF
KA-CHAK

THREE DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS EVE!
GRIN
GRIN
FWOOO...

CAN 44 END

?!
※SILVER VINE →
POTATO CHIPS
LIGHTLY SALTED

あせ SWEAT
BUT I'LL BE HOME BEFORE IT GETS DARK!
あせ SWEAT
SORRY! I KNOW IT'S THE WEEKEND BUT I NEED TO GO IN TO WORK.
CHATTER
TODAY'S SPECIAL GUEST IS UMYU-SEA!!
MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERY-ONE!!
THANKS FOR GETTING MY BAG!
UGH, THIS IS JUST THE WORST! WORKING ON A WEEKEND, I MEAN.
FLINCH
WELP, TIME TO GET GOING!!
TO WORK!!
JOLT
AHHHHH!!
TODAY THEY'LL BE HOSTING A BOOK SIGNING!
LAST MONTH, UMYU-SEA RELEASED THEIR COOKBOOK, DINING UNDER THE SEA, AND IT'S BEEN FLYING OFF THE SHELVES!
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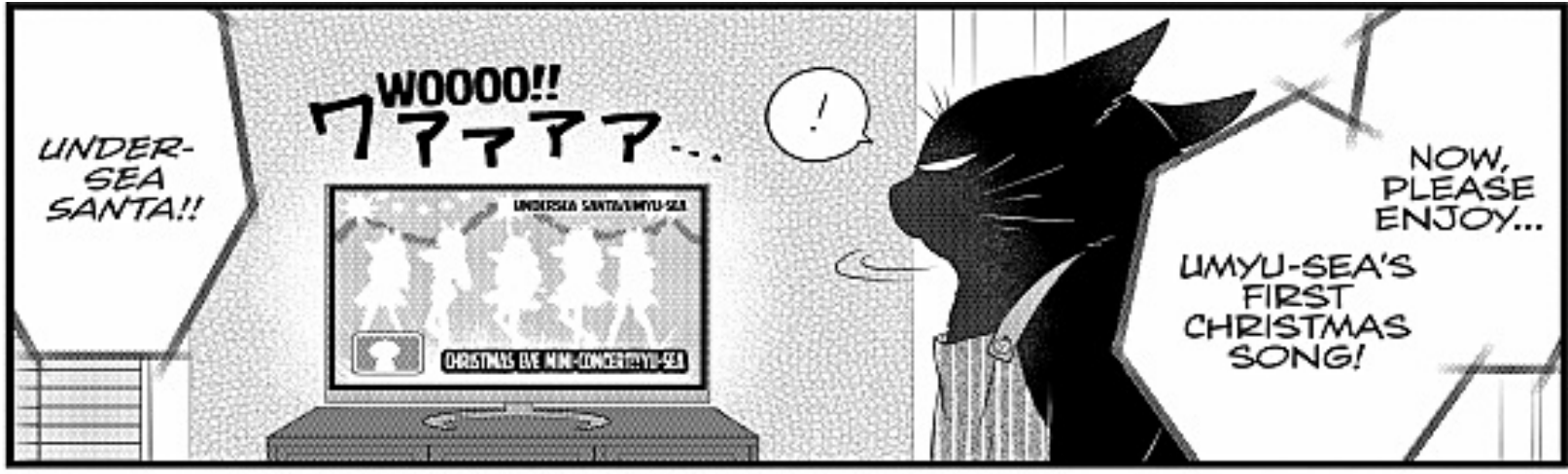
SLAM
STOMP STOMP
BYE, YUK-ICHI!


UNDER-SEA SANTA!!
WOOOO!!
ワァァァァ...
!
UNDERSEA SANTA/UMYU-SEA
CHRISTMAS EVE MINI-CONCERT!!/UMYU-SEA
NOW, PLEASE ENJOY...
UMYU-SEA'S FIRST CHRISTMAS SONG!

I'LL PRETEND TO SLEEP AND CATCH YOU IN THE ACT!
AND THIS YEAR FOR SURE, I'LL ASK YOU...
UNDER-SEA SANTA, UNDER-SEA SANTA!
WILL YOU COME AND SEE ME IF I'VE BEEN NICE?

HEH...
HOW DO I BECOME SANTA, TOO?

Undersea Santa~
Undersea Santa~

YUME-CHAN! ORIZUKA!!
SORRY I'M LATE!!
TP
TP
SAKU-CHAN!

THANKS FOR LETTING ME TAG ALONG TODAY!!
SHE CHANGED CLOTHES IN THE BATHROOM AT THE MALL.
OH, NO!! IT'S FINE!!
HER SUIT'S IN THERE.
THAT'S A PRETTY BIG BAG. DO YOU NEED HELP CARRYING IT?

AWW! I'VE MISSED HER SO MUCH! SHE'S SUCH AN ANGEL!
SURE!
SQUEEZE
SAKU-CHAN! LET'S HOLD HANDS!

OR MAYBE NOT ?!
DO NOT LET GO, NO MATTER WHAT.
GRIP
STARE
WE'RE ABOUT TO ENTER A WAR ZONE.

YEAH, WELL...YUME IS A BIT OF A WELL-KNOWN FIGURE IN THE FAN COMMUNITY.

STMP

WHY SO SERIOUS?!

STMP

YUME-CHAN SEEMS LESS LIKE AN ANGEL TODAY AND MORE LIKE A SOLDIER GOING OFF TO WAR.

CHATTER

REALLY ?!

WHERE?!

IT'S YUME-CHAN!

SHE IS...?

AHHH!

KYAAA!

THEY'RE PARTING LIKE THE RED SEA !!

MUR-MUR

GOOD MORNING, YUME-CHAN!

SHE'S SO CUTE!

LOOKS LIKE HER GOOD-LOOKING UNCLE IS PRETTY NOTE-WORTHY, TOO.

AHH!

HE'S SO HANDSOME!

HER UNCLE CAME WITH HER TODAY! SCORE!

AHH!

AND HER COLLECTION OF RARE AND LIMITED-EDITION UMYU-SEA MERCHANDISE IS FAMOUS.

SHE'S BEEN TO AN IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF UMYU-SEA EVENTS THROUGH-OUT HER CHILD-HOOD...

THEY'RE LOOKING AT ME, TOO! THIS IS SO WEIRD!

STARE

STARE

NO, I'VE SEEN HER MOM BEFORE.

WHO'S THAT LADY WITH THEM?

IS THAT YUME-CHAN'S MOM?

GOSH, SHE'S INTENSE!

AM I BEING HAZED?!

I BET SHE'S JUST A SCALPER!

IT MEANS SHE'S NOT A REAL FAN!

DADDY TALKS ABOUT THEM ALL THE TIME!

I BET SHE'S JUST SOMEONE WHO'S JUMPING ON THE BAND-WAGON!

WHAT'S A BAND-WAGON?

MAYBE!!

YUME-CHAN!! MY HERO!!

SAKU-CHAN!

BA-THUMP

AND SHE'S DEFINITELY NOT A SCALPER!!

BWSH

STOP THAT! SHE IS TOO A REAL FAN!

YEAH, BUT I'VE PROBABLY FORGOTTEN IT ALL BY NOW!!

※ PLEASE REFER TO CAN 9.

DOWN TO EVERY LAST STEP!!

SAKU-CHAN KNOWS ALL THE WORDS AND DANCES TO ALL THE UMYU-SEA SONGS!!

REALLY?! THAT'S AMAZING!

STARTING AT THIS POINT, WE WILL BE SPLITTING INTO LINES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER!
PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY ON THE NAMETAGS PROVIDED!
SEA BUNNY♪
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
WE HAVE TO SPLIT UP HERE. ARE YOU GONNA BE OKAY BY YOURSELF?
YOU'RE LINING UP FOR SEA BUNNY, RIGHT?
OH, RIGHT! YES!
I'LL BE FINE!!
SO I JUST WRITE HER NAME ON THIS...
AND STICK IT... HERE?
?!
STICK...
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO WRITE THE NAME YOU WANT THEM TO MAKE THE AUTOGRAPH OUT TO AND THEN STICK IT ON THE PAGE YOU WANT THEM TO SIGN!
DO IT AGAIN!!
O-OH, IS THAT HOW IT WORKS?!
SLAP
YOU CAN ALSO HAVE THE STAFF TAKE A PICTURE FOR YOU!
SO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR PHONE CAMERA READY TO GO!
Y-Y-YES, GOT IT!
OKAY!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, CALL UNCLE KAORU, GOT IT?!
I'LL PICK UP!!
BOW
BOW
BOOOOW
YES! THANK YOU, YUME-SENPAI!!

NEXT PERSON STEP FORWARD, PLEASE!
!!
WHAT IF THEY FIND OUT AND THROW ME OUT?
SHOULD I EVEN BE HERE? I'M NOT A FAN AT ALL, WHICH IS ARGUABLY WORSE THAN BEING A FAKE FAN.
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
AH... I'M LIKE, WEIRDLY NERV-OUS.
HIYA!
I'M SEA BUNNY, THE FLUFFY LITTLE BUNNY OF UMYU-SEA!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
パッ
キラ
SPARKLE
O-OH, S-S-SORRY!!
IT'S TOTALLY FINE, NO WORRIES!
I THINK YOU'RE THINKING OF A SEA ANGEL.
ACTUALLY, PEOPLE LIKE TO CALL US THE FAIRIES OF THE SEA!!
HA HA HA!
WOW!
SHE LOOKS LIKE AN ANGEL...

OH, NO! IT'S FOR MY ROOMMATE! HE'S A REALLY BIG FAN OF YOURS...
AND I WANTED TO GIVE THIS TO HIM FOR CHRISTMAS!!
TO... YUKICHI-SAN... THERE!
AHH.
SO YOUR NAME IS YUKICHI-SAN?

SO I WAS HOPING I COULD AT LEAST GET HIM YOUR AUTO-GRAPH...
UNFOR-TUNATELY, HE COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY...

THAT I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER AND APPRECIATE HIS SUPPORT!
AND PLEASE, LET YUKICHI-SAN KNOW...
I TOTALLY GET IT!!

HUH?
SHE WASN'T A FAN BEFORE THIS?
WHY DID SHE COME, THEN?!
ORIZUKA BOUGHT THIS FOR HER.
I THINK I MIGHT BE A FAN NOW, TOO...
YOU DID IT, SAKU-CHAN! HOW'D IT GO?

OH, REALLY? THAT'S GREAT, YUME-CHAN!
YAY!! I GET TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH DADDY!!
SQUEAL!
MY SISTER JUST SENT ME A TEXT.
MY BROTHER-IN-LAW JUST LANDED IN TOKYO.
OH.
AT HANEDA.

HEE HEE! THANKS!
I HOPE YOU BOTH HAVE A FUN CHRIST-MAS!
OF COURSE!
I ALMOST FORGOT!
COULD YOU GIVE THIS LETTER TO YUKI-CHAN?

A FUN CHRISTMAS, HUH?
SEE YOU!
WAVE ぶん
BYE-BYE!
SEE YOU AT WORK.
WAVE ぶん

I BETTER HURRY HOME!!
GRIP
I HOPE HE LIKES THIS.

SILENCE
I'M HOME!
KER-CHAK
HUH?
Y-YUKICHI?
POP
AH!
WHA--?!
PA-POP
WHA?!
WH-WH-WH-WH-WH-WH...
PLOP
FLINCH
I-I-I-I-I BWU-WHA?!

IT TOOK EVERYTHING I HAD JUST TO GET YOU A PRESENT!
!
AH HA... HA HA HA! THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TOP YOU, IS THERE?
WOW, THANK GOODNESS YOUR EXPEC-TATIONS ARE SO LOW! HA HA HA!
YOU THOUGHT I FORGOT AGAIN THIS YEAR?!
HEY!
?!
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO, YUKICHI.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

QUIET...
OH MY GOSH!
A CAT SWEATER!!
THANKS!!
HEY, YUKICHI ...?
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
GASP
YUKICHI ...?
SIGNED COPY OF THE BOOK.
BREATHE, YUKICHI!!
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
DEEP BREATH IN...
AND OUT...
IN...
OUT...

CAN 45 END

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YUKICHI WILL MAKE THESE WEIRDLY RHYTHMIC NOISES.

PUR-RRR-RRRR

UMPH!

TCHKA TCHKA TCHK

CHACHA-CHAKA KAKAKA

EVERY NOW AND AGAIN ...

AT FIRST I THOUGHT HE WAS TRYING TO HUM, SO I DIDN'T PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO IT.

PURRRRRRRR UNH

KRKR UNH UNH

HE DOES IT WHILE HE DOES CHORES...

OR WHEN HE'S IN A PARTICULARLY GOOD MOOD.

THIS ENTIRE TIME...

HE'S BEEN PLAYING THEIR ALBUM ON REPEAT... AND I REALIZED THAT...

BUT EVER SINCE THE UMYU-SEA BOOK SIGNING YESTERDAY...

AND...

RIGHT NOW HE'S DOING THEIR DEBUT SONG, "I'M NOT AN ANGEL"!!

CHK CHCHK

KA KA-MPH

PSSSHHH

PURRRRT-CH

HE'S BEEN BEAT-BOXING TO UMYU-SEA SONGS!!

I WANT TO SAY IT TO HIM, BUT I CAN'T!!

ぶるぶる TREMBLE-TREMBLE

HE'S SO TALENTED!

AND EXCELLENT SONG CHOICE, TOO!!

HE GOT REALLY MAD, AND I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM DANCE SINCE.

THE LAST TIME I CAUGHT YUKICHI DANCING, I THOUGHT IT WAS SUPER CUTE, SO I TOOK A VIDEO OF IT...

OH!

MAYBE I JUST NEED TO FIND A WAY TO SAY IT THAT MAKES IT CLEAR IT'S A COMPLIMENT.

HMM...

I'M PRETTY SURE I'LL NEVER HEAR HIM BEATBOX AGAIN.

IF HE THINKS I'M SAYING IT TO TEASE HIM...

NO.

THAT WOULD **DEFINITELY** MAKE HIM MAD.

IT NEARLY BROUGHT ME TO TEARS!

WOW! ほめ

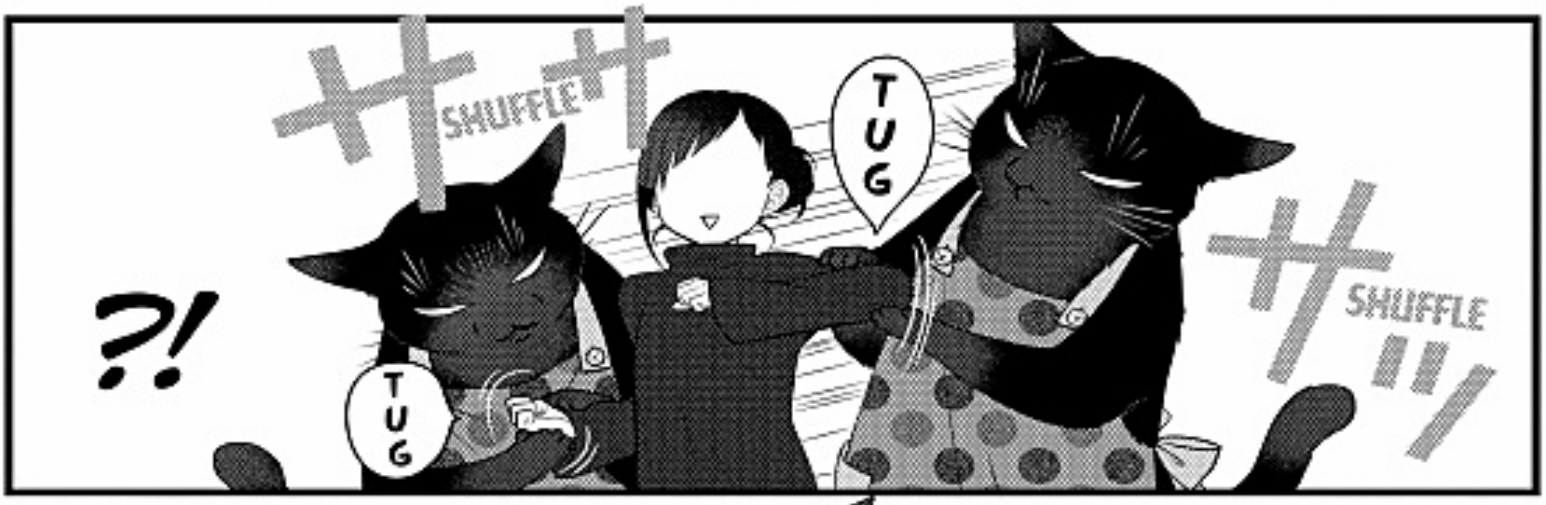
SUCH MAGNIFICENT BEATBOXING!

BRAVO! ほめ

FOR EXAMPLE...

HISS!
THEY SAY I'M A SEA ANGEL, BUT I'M NOT FROM HEAVEN~!
WHAT IF I CASUALLY STARTED SINGING ALONG?
HISS!
OOH, CAN YOU DO "SALT AND SESAME PARADE" NEXT?
MAYBE I CAN NON-CHALANTLY REQUEST A SONG?
HISS!
BOOM
DA-DOON TCH
KRH KRH WHOO
Yeah!!
OR I COULD CHALL-ENGE HIM TO A BEAT-BOXING BATTLE OUT OF THE BLUE?
?
SOB!
SOB!
ALSO, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO BEATBOX.
IT'S NO USE, I CAN'T THINK OF A WAY THAT DOESN'T PISS HIM OFF!

*In Japanese mythology, the goddess Amaterasu hides away in a cave named Ama-no-Iwato, and is only lured out by the sounds of dancing and partying outside.



FOR THE NEXT TWO HOURS, HE SILENTLY DRILLED HER ON THE CHOREOGRAPHY.

DOESN'T REALIZE HE'S MAKING NOISES.
KAH KAH
TCH T-TCH
WHEEZE!
WHEEZE!

CAN 46 END

The Masterful Cat is Depressed Again, Today

CLUNK
I WANT SUM CLOTHS
FOR YUKI-CHAN. FROM YUME
!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RAGGED...
.....
HEH.

WHAT ARE YOU MAKING?
KA-CHAK
MORNING, YUKICHI.
TAKA TAKA TAKA TAKA TAKA TAKA TAKA TAKA TAKA TAKA TAKA TA
OH! SHE WANTS SOME CLOTHING FOR THAT PLUSHIE YOU GAVE HER?
NOD
NOD
"I WANT SOME CLOTHES FOR YUKI-CHAN..."?
A LETTER?
OH, IT'S FROM YUME-CHAN.
ちまっ TINY
AND OF COURSE YOU WENT RIGHT...
TO WORK...
MAKE SOME FOR MEEE-EEE!!
!?
GYAAAAH!! I WANT CLOTHES, TOOOO!!
CLATTER

YOU'VE GOT ALL THESE SCRAPS. WHAT'S ONE LITTLE THING FOR LITTLE OL' ME?

DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M SOME PETULANT KID!

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL, ANYWAY?

IT LOOKS PRETTY WORN, THOUGH...

IS THIS FOR YUME-CHAN, TOO?

RUSTLE

HM?

HEY!!

SNATCH

!!

YOU KEPT IT THIS WHOLE TIME!!

BA-THUMP

I REMEMBER NOW!

AHHH!! THAT'S THE APRON THAT APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE WHEN YOU WERE STILL A KITTEN!!

AH.
HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD, DIDN'T I?
TWITCH
IT'S HAND-MADE, ISN'T IT?
I DIDN'T REALLY HAVE THE ENERGY TO ASK ABOUT IT BACK THEN, BUT...
SHAKE
SHAKE
THEN WHO?!
WAS IT THE LADY NEXT DOOR?
DID YOU MAKE IT?
YA DUMB CAT!
BACK AGAIN?!
DREAD
WHAT'S WITH THE FACE?
UH.
THEN I REALLY HAVE NO CLUE WHO IT COULD BE...

MAKE A MESS OF THE TRASH AND YOU'LL BE SEEIN' THE BUSINESS END OF THIS BROOM, GOT IT?!
ギロ
GLARE
THIS IS WHY I HATE STRAY CATS!
YEESH, YER FILTHY!

WHAT, YOU DON'T KNOW EVEN WHAT THE DAMN RECYCLABLE PLASTIC SYMBOL IS, YA DUMB CAT?!
SCRITCH
SCRITCH
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PUT OUT THE PLASTICS TODAY!!
ARG-HHH!! NO, YOU IDIOT!!

HERE! I MADE AN APRON FOR YA SO PUT THE DAMN THING ON, ALREADY!
GET BACK HERE!!
AGHHH! DON'T GO DRAGGING THE TRASH AROUND!
YOUR BELLY'S GONNA GET DIRTY AGAIN! YOU JUST TOOK A BATH!!

YUKI-CHI?
……
キゅ…
TUG
SO IT AIN'T THAT CRAZY TO HAVE ONE CAT WHO CAN DO CHORES AROUND THE HOUSE, ALL RIGHT?
LISTEN HERE. WE GOT MEN THESE DAYS WHO KNOW HOW TO SEW…

SORRY FOR PRYING.
OH NO!
IS IT A SENSITIVE TOPIC?

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT MEANS.
HUFF!

HEY!
WAIT!!
TUCK

?!
BABY CLOTHES
THIS IS YOUR VERY FIRST APRON! IT'S LIKE THE EQUIVALENT OF YOUR BABY CLOTHES!!
THIS IS AN IMPORTANT KEEPSAKE!

JEEZ!
WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE SOME REBELLIOUS TEENAGER ABOUT THIS?!
WHAT, ARE YOU EMBARR-ASSED ?!
どっすん
WRESTLE
ばったん
WRESTLE
BEING ATTACHED TO THIS APRON ISN'T A SIGN OF IMMATURITY!

HUFF!
PUFF!
HUFF!
YOU SHOULD TREASURE ...
THESE MEMORIES!

SIGH...
FINE! I, AS YOUR OWNER, WILL TAKE THIS OFF YOUR HANDS...
SLIDE
SLIP
AND FRAME IT.

SNATCH
NOOO!!
I WAS JOKING! TOO FAR?!
C'MON!!

"YOU TURNED OUT ALL RIGHT."
BOOO!
CLUNK
"Y'KNOW, FOR A DUMB, DIRTY CAT...
GUESS HAVIN' A PLACE TO LIVE WILL DO THAT TO YA, EH?
I DIDN'T REALIZE A CAT COULD BE SUCH A HARD WORKER.
"AIN'T NOTHIN' BETTER THAN THAT."
"A PLACE TO COME HOME TO...
I WANT BREAK-FAAAST!
FLOP
AHHHH, NOW I'M STARVING 'CAUSE YOU'RE SO STUBBORN!
TCH!

NEXT TIME I SHOULD ASK HIM TO TEACH ME HOW TO SEW!
OH DEAR!
LOOK, MAMA!
IT'S GOTTA BE THIS ONE! THIS ONE SUITS HIM BEST~!

CAN 47 END

EXPRESS
Yume
SAFETY FIRST
TO VOLUME 5

"GO! SEA SLUG SQUAD: UMYU-SEA!!"

THE EARTH IS UNDER ATTACK BY A MYSTERIOUS RACE OF ALIENS!

IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PLANET, THE GODS BESTOWED MAGICAL POWERS UPON THESE "SEA SLUG SOLDIERS" TO DEFEAT THE ALIENS AND SAVE THE WORLD!

BONUS GO! SEA SLUG SQUAD: UMYU-SEA!!

FESTIVA-CHAN! ARDEA-CHAN! LET'S GO!!

AHHH!!

BAM

SMASH

EEEK!

OH NO! THIS IS TERRIBLE!! THE ALIENS ARE ATTACKING THE CITY!

GULP...

WE NEED TO HURRY! THE CITY NEEDS US!

TH-THERE... THAT, URP, SHOULD DO IT.

BY EATING ALL KINDS OF FOOD...

THEY GAIN IMMENSE POWER!

CRUNCH

OMNI-VORIA!

THESE SEA SLUGS HAVE BEEN GRANTED HUMAN FORM, ALONG WITH THE ULTIMATE ABILITY...

CRUNCH

MUNCH

CRUNCH

MUNCH

CHOMP

※ RAW CARROT

COME ON GUYS, WE--

BUT THEY ALSO HAVE A TERRIBLE WEAKNESS.

AND SEA SLUGS ARE PICKY EATERS!!

?!

NO THANKS!

PASS.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, THEY ARE SEA SLUGS...

WHY DON'T WE JUST USE IT AS A WEAPON?

ESPECIALLY THIS BIT.

IT LOOKS DISGUSTING.

H-HOLD ON, AT LEAST TRY IT!

IT'S SURPRISINGLY EDIBLE.

WH-WHAT ?!

SEA BUNNY!!

SNAP!

NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO BE SELFI--

IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING THE ALIENS ARE GOING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD!!

WOOSH
BEING PICKY IS NOT BEING SELFISH.
IT'S JUST WHO WE ARE.
IS HAVING A DEATH WISH ALSO "JUST WHO YOU ARE"?!
BA-
BWAM
SHINE...
P-PLEASE, HELP ME OUT HERE!!
THESE TWO ABSOLUTELY REFUSE TO EAT THIS CARROT! THEY HAVEN'T EVEN TRIED IT!
CALM CHYSELF, SEA RABBIC.
IT'S SEA BUNNY!!
LIKE I SAID, IT'S JUST WHO WE ARE.
CAN'T HELP IT.
MY SEA SLUG SOL-DIERS...
THAT VOICE!
IS THAT... GOD?!

ONLY THEN CANST THOU TRULY GRASP WHAT IT MEANS TO EAT.
THOU CANST NOT ACQUIRE REAL POWER SIMPLY BY CONSUMING FOODSTUFFS ALONE.
THOU MUST NEEDS CONSIDER THINE OWN HOPES AND DREAMS. SAVOR THE FLAVOR ON THINE TONGUE AND SINK THINE TEETH DEEPLY...
.....!
FLASH
NOW, SEA RABBIT.
I GRANT YOU THIS!
I SAID, IT'S SEA BUNNY!!
WHAT IS THIS?!
THIS, MY CHILD, IS A HOLY ARTIFACT... THE KITCHEN OF THE SEA.
O BRAVE SOUL WHO SO READILY DEVOURED A RAW CARROT, I BESTOW THIS GIFT UPON THEE.
I TRUST THAT THOU WILT MAKE GOOD USE OF IT...!
KITCHEN OF THE SEA
POP...
SHINE...
WAAAH!
EEEK!
WE'RE BEING SUCKED UP!!
AHHHHHH!!!

WHERE ARE WE?!

POOF...

BOM...

IT'S...A "RECIPE"?

A RECI-WHAT NOW?

THERE'S THIS VAGUE IMAGE IN MY HEAD...

WHAT IS A KITCHEN ?!

IT LOOKS LIKE...A KITCHEN!

SHING

ARDEA! YOU KNOW HOW TO USE THEM?!

LEAVE THE WEAPONRY TO ME! I CAN HANDLE IT!

I THINK IF WE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS, WE CAN MAKE SOMETHING!

IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN PROJECT IT ONTO THIS SCREEN.

RECIPE 01
~ INGREDIENTS ~
CARROT HONEY
PANCAKE MIX
MILK EGG

POP

WHOA!

THAT'S AMAZ-ING!

LET'S COOK!!

YEAH!

I'M NOT SURE WHAT ANY OF THIS MEANS...

BUT LET'S GIVE IT OUR ALL!

WASH OUR HANDS FIRST! (SCRUB SCRUB) ♫
NOW IT'S TIME TO GO! (LET'S COOK!) ♫
TAKE A CAN AND POP!! THE DOOR'S OPEN~! ♫
STEP BY STEP, THIS RECIPE'S COMING TOGETHER! ♫
WE CAN DO IT TOGETHER! A MIRACLE RECIPE! ♫
THIS IS OUR MAGICAL RESTAU-RANT!! ☆
I JUST KNOW~! ♫
IT'LL BE DELI-CIOUS~! ♫
IT ACTUALLY LOOKS...
KINDA GOOD?!
IT SMELLS AMAZING!
GULP...
ET VOILA!!
"FLUFFY-WUFFY STEAMED CARROT BUNS"!!
DING
FLUFFY-WUFFY STEAMED CARROT BUNS LV.01

MUNCH
LET'S DIG IN!!
FLOP
AHHH! I'M STUFFED!
I FEEL KINDA...
WARM AND FUZZY INSIDE.
!
GLOW...
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
IS THIS REALLY MADE OUT OF THE SAME VEGETABLE FROM EARLIER?! THAT THING WAS LIKE A ROCK!
IT'S DELICIOUS!! IT'S NICE AND FLUFFY, WITH JUST A HINT OF SWEETNESS!
HEY, SEA BUNNY!! LEAVE SOME FOR US!!

★ THE REAL FIGHT FOR THE SEA SLUG SOLDIERS STARTS NOW!!

BONUS THE MASTERFUL CAT'S AWAKENING

DRAAAAAAAAG
HE'LL BE THERE.
I MUSTN'T GET DIS-TRACTED!
IF I DON'T PUT THE GARBAGE OUT BEFORE DAWN...
OH NO!
YA DUMB CAT!!
GLARE
YOU AGAIN!
THAT NITPICKY OLD GEEZER...
FWIP FWIP
HISS
SWEEP
SWEEP
THEY CALL HIM "LAND-LORD."
THIS OLD COOT HAS CLAIMED THE GARBAGE DUMP AS HIS TERRITORY.
YA GOT SOME NERVE HEAVIN' A BIG OL' SIGH IN FRONT OF YOUR ELDERS!!
SIGH
SWISH
WHO WOULDN'T SIGH UPON SEEING YOU?!
OY!! STOP THAT !!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS PROBLEM IS. PERHAPS HE SIMPLY HATES CATS.
HE PICKS A FIGHT EVERY TIME HE SEES ME.
THE GEEZER IS AN INCREDIBLE NUISANCE.
GRRRRR
フーフゥ

WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW, IT'S SEPARATED CORRECTLY.

STICK TO WHAT YOU KNOW, KID. IF YOU CAN'T SEPARATE YOUR TRASH, STAY OUTTA THE--

RUSTLE

TAKING OUT THE TRASH AGAIN?! GUESS YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED YOUR LESSON FROM LAST TIME.

HUH?

THAT THIS "DUMB CAT" ... IS NO ORDINARY CAT.

I NOW KNOW...

THANKS TO THAT SORRY EXCUSE OF A HUMAN AND THIS OLD GEEZER...

SMIRK

THAT'S "MASTERFUL CAT," YOU OLD BAT!!

GLARE

YOU'RE A WEIRD ONE, AIN'T YA?

HMPH!

I AM THE ONE AND ONLY...

SMUG

MASTERFUL CAT!!

GET OVER HERE! YOU NEED A BATH!!

AND YOU'RE DAMN FILTHY TOO!!

SWEEEEE

!?

ぎゃあ GYAHH!
ぎゃあ GRAAH!
YER GONNA CATCH A COLD IF YOU DON'T LET ME DRY YOU OFF!
QUIT SQUIRMIN' YA BRAT!
YOU WRETCHED HUMAN! HOW DARE YOU DO THIS TO ME! THIS IS A GRAVE VIOLATION OF ALL THAT I STAND FOR! YOU'D BEST SLEEP WITH ONE EYE OPEN FROM NOW ON, YOU FOOL! I SHALL CARRY THIS GRUDGE WITH ME INTO THE NEXT LIFE AND...
THERE YA GO!!
SQUEAKY CLEAN!!
CAT Shampoo
DAZED ぼーぜん...
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THIS IS ALL THAT WORTHLESS HUMAN'S FAULT.
つや GLOSSY
ピカッ SHINY
SLEEK つやっ
ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE.
SO WHY IS IT THAT...
SHE SEEMS TO GROW WEAKER WITH EACH PASSING DAY?
IS THIS SOME KIND OF HUMAN CHURU?
!
ENERGY JELLY
DRINKS THIS RATHER OFTEN.
THAT WORTH-LESS HUMAN ...

SHE SEEMS NO BETTER THAN BEFORE.
ZZZ
AND YET, IN SPITE OF ALL THAT...
KER-CHAK
I'VE TOSSED ALMOST ALL OF THE GARBAGE...
AND EXTER-MINATED ALL OF THE PESTS.
EVERY DAY, I OPEN THE WINDOWS SO THAT THE AIR CIRCULATES.
MN...
YUKICHI?
PERK
NUDGE
SNUGGLE
!
AH-CHOO!
SHE MUST BE COLD.
SHIVER
DRAG

AHH.

WHY MUST I BE...

SO WARM.

SO SOFT AND FLUFFY.

SO SMALL?

BEEP

HOP

BWSH

?!

?!

OWWIE!

THIS SYMBOL INDICATES PLASTIC GARBAGE, SO IT MUST GO IN THIS BAG.

THE WEATHER LOOKS PLEASANT TODAY, SO LET'S OPEN THE WINDOWS AS WELL.

PL

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

STOMP STOMP

AHHH!! I OVER-SLEPT!!

?

.....

THIS AGAIN?

PERK
BUT YOU CAN'T JUST EAT ANY OLD THING!
A DELICIOUS MEAL IS THE BASIS OF OUR POWER!
?
?
I'M ALL TIRED AND SORE! WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
THAT'S BECAUSE ALL YOU EAT IS CANDY, ARDEA-CHAN!
ALL RIGHT!
YOU THERE! SITTING IN FRONT OF THE TV! LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER!
TAKE ALL OF YOUR FEELINGS AND PUT IT INTO YOUR COOKING!
WE'RE MAKING THE WORLD'S GREATEST FOOD!
RICE BALLS!!
AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, WHY DON'T WE MAKE SOME MISO SOUP WITH ROOT VEGGIES?
SOUNDS GOOD!!
WHAT...
ON EARTH IS THIS...?

IF I GAVE THIS...RICE BALL TO HER...
IF I...
WOULD SHE SMILE LIKE THAT, TOO?
WOULD SHE...
FEEL BETTER?
HEH.
HEH.
HEH.
HEH.
HEH.
FOR I AM NO ORDINARY CAT.
I AM THE ONE AND ONLY...
HEH.
HEH.
HEH.
I MUST BE PATIENT.
SOON, I SHALL BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS RICE BALL.
MASTERFUL CAT!

AFTERWORD

THANK YOU FOR READING ALL THE WAY TO THE END OF VOLUME 4! WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD, I'M GRATEFUL TO STILL BE ABLE TO PUBLISH THIS VOLUME.

FOR THE BONUS CHAPTERS, THIS TIME I GOT TO DRAW UMYU-SEA INSTEAD OF SAKU'S OLD, TRASH-FILLED APARTMENT LOL. (THERE ARE STILL MORE MEMBERS OF THE SEA SLUG SQUAD THAT HAVEN'T MADE AN APPEARANCE YET, BUT I HOPE I CAN FIND SOME SPACE TO DRAW THEM IN, SOMEWHERE...)

WELL, WHENEVER YOU FEEL BEAT, COME PAY YUKICHI A VISIT. SEE YOU IN VOLUME 5!

HITSUZI YAMADA

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TICK TOCK
I DON'T CARE THAT SHE'S GETTING DRINKS WITH HER COWORKERS.
BUT MUST SHE STAY OUT SO LATE?!
TICK TOCK
HMPH!
TICK TOCK
TICK TOCK
...
TICK TOCK
THIS ACCURSED HUMAN.
HMPH!

ONE OF THESE DAYS SHE'LL PASS OUT BEFORE GETTING HOME, AND THEN WHAT?!
ZZZ
AND WHEN SHE FINALLY RETURNS, SHE'S SO DRUNK THAT SHE PASSES OUT AT THE DOOR.
EVERY TIME, SHE BARELY MAKES THE LAST TRAIN HOME...

HEY, YUKICHI~!
JUST CALLIN' TO LET YOU KNOW... I'M TAKING A LITTLE BREAK IN THE PARK NEXT TO THE APARTMENT...
I'M JUST...SO SLEEPY...
JUST AS I PREDICTED!

RING RING RING ...
THIS SORT OF BEHAVIOR IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR ANY CREATURE!
HONESTLY, HOW WILL SHE EVER FIND A MAN WILLING TO PUT UP WITH HER?

CHAK
DASH

TODAY IS THE DAY I KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO THAT HEAD OF HERS...
HUFF!
PUFF!
MM...
YOU MAY BE FEELING CONFIDENT NOW...
DASH
YOU MORON!
DASH
DASH
DASH
!!
BUT NATURAL SELECTION TAKES CARE OF THOSE WITH NO SENSE OF SELF-PRESER-VATION!!
HEH HEH... TASTY!
SLIDE...
I WANT... SECONDS!
HEE HEE.
YUKI-CHI~!
SIGH!
I'LL JUST HAVE TO GO WAIT AT THE STATION.
I SUPPOSE THAT NEXT TIME SHE GOES OUT DRINKING ...

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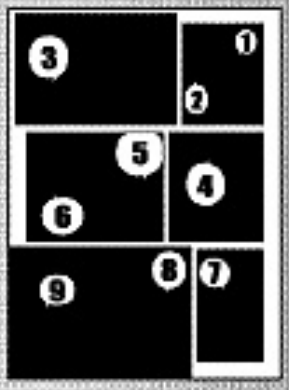

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